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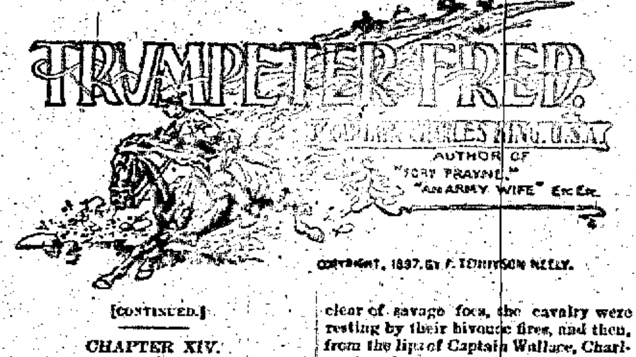
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CHAPTER XIV.

INNOCENT OR GUILTY?

The provost sergeant at Fort Robinson is a man who has seen and heard a great deal in the course of his army life, and who has the enviable faculty *of knowing everything that is going on* around him without appearing to know anything at all. It had been his duty, a day or two previous, to expel from the limits of the reservation a rascally pack of gamblers, a species of two legged prairie wolf that in the rough old days on the frontier followed every movement of the army paymasters and lured and trapped the soldiers until every cent of their money was gone. In point of number the gamblers were strong enough to take care of themselves in case of Indian attack, yet rarely did they venture far from the protection of the nearest troops. Driven out of post and forbidden to return, they had simply camped with their whole "outfit" at the lower edge of the military reservation, where the laws of the state of Nebraska and not the orders of Uncle Sam took precedence. And here they "set up shop" again and had a game going in full blast this very sunshiny Sunday morning, and the provost sergeant knew all about it. He also knew by 10 o'clock that Sergeant Dawson and Private Patsy Donovan of Charlton's troop, with some adventurous spirits from the garrison, were down there "bucking their luck" against the tricks of these skilled practitioners, and it was not hard to predict what the result would be.

"Shall I take a file of the guard and fetch them back, sir?" he asked the colonel commanding, and that gentleman glanced inquiringly at his cavalry friend.

"How say you, captain?" Charlton reflected a moment and then replied:

"No, colonel. I should say let them have all the rope they choose to take. I can get them when they are needed. You are sure about their whereabouts on Tuesday and Wednesday nights?" he asked, turning to the sergeant.

"*Perfectly, sir, and just what they lost and how much they owed the quartermaster's gang when they left.*"

"*Just see where they are at noon, then, and let me know.*" And the provost sergeant went his way, leaving the *officers in consultation.*

At noon the soldier telegrapher came hurrying to the colonel and handed him a dispatch.

"I feared as much," said the old soldier as he handed the paper to Captain Charlton. "This means work for you at once. Let us go to the office. There will be dispatches from Omaha presently. Isn't it strange that no one at Sidney should have heard of the Indians getting over the Platte?"

At 2 o'clock Charlton's troop was in saddle, with only three familiar faces missing from the line. In the new excitement the men had ceased to speak of Trumpeter Fred. What puzzled them now was the absence of Dawson and Donovan. A sergeant sent into the garrison to warn them that the troop was to march at once came back to say that he had searched every stable and corral. The horses were nowhere about the post or the agency stores, and men on guard said that they had seen the two troopers riding away down White river soon after 1 o'clock, and they had not come back. And when Graham reported them *absent to* Captain Charlton, as the latter in his familiar scouting costume rode out to take command, the whole troop was amazed that their leader seemed to treat it as a matter of no consequence whatever. He returned the sergeant's salute and inquired:

"Every horse fed and watered?"

"Yes, sir."

"Every man got two days' hard bread and bacon?"

"Yes, sir."

"How much ammunition?"

"Eighty rounds carbine per man—40 revolver, sir."

"Very good, sergeant." And, this brief colloquy ended, the sergeant reined about and rode to the right flank. "Prepare to mount—mount!" ordered the captain. "*Form ranks!*" and without further delay, "Fours right—march!" And away they went up the lonely valley, along the winding water, breaking into columns of twos and riding "at ease" the moment they had passed the point where the post commander and a little knot of officers had assembled to bid them godspeed. Captain Charlton bent down *from his* saddle to grasp the colonel's extended hand and whisper a few words in his ear. The colonel nodded appreciatively. "They can't escape," he answered low, and then, watched by friendly eyes in that little group until out of sight and by fierce and lurking spies until darkness shrouded them from view, the troop rode jauntily on its mission, Charlton and Blunt in murmured consultation in the lead and 48 stalwart troopers confidently and unquestioningly following in their tracks. Who cared that an all night ride through Indian haunted wilds was before them? It was an old, old story to every man.

Were there "ghost lights" on the Niobrara that night? The Indian spies could swear by the deeds of their ancestors that the troop soon climbed out of the valley of the White river and rode briskly southward by the Sidney trail, and that every man was in his place in column when they wound down in the Running Water flats at twilight. Yet hours afterward, far to the west, miles away at the Laramie crossing, there were twinkling, dancing, "firefly" gleams—like will-o'-the-wisps—through the chinks and loopholes of that old log hut, and when morning came the ground was stamped with a fresh impress of half a dozen sets of hoof tracks—*shod horses, not Indian* ponies, this time.

It must have meant "bad medicine" *for the Sioux, for when morning* came all the bands that had been so confidently raiding the trails through the settlements found themselves compelled to seek the shelter of their reservations. From Laramie to Sidney the stalwart infantry came marching to the scene, and from east, north and west the cavalry came trotting, troop after troop, to hem in, and head them off. The very band that ventured south of the Platte and killed in cold blood those helpless teamsters and then sought the destruction of Gaines and his men, fleeing now before Wallace's troops, were met and soundly thrashed by our friends of Company B, with Captain Charlton and Lieutenant Blunt at the head, and [illegible] Monday night the [illegible] valley was clear of savage foes, the cavalry were resting by their bivouac fires, and then, *from the lips of Captain Wallace*, Charlton heard the story of Fred Waller's exploit and of the long gallop that brought about the rescue of Colonel Gaines. Our captain could hardly wait for morning to come, but in two days more he was standing by the bedside of his old sergeant at Sidney barracks, and Trumpeter Fred was there too.

One week later, in the big, sunshiny assembly room of the old barrack, an impressive scene took place, and a long remembered though very brief trial was brought to an abrupt close. A court martial was in session at Sidney, the general who commanded the department had himself arrived to look into the condition of affairs above the Indian reservation, and with Captain Charlton had had a long consultation, at the close of which the bearded, kindly faced brigadier had gone to the hospital with the troop commander, and bending over old Waller as he lay upon the narrow cot took his hand and talked with him about Five Forks and Appomattox and then promised him that his wish should be respected. It was a singular wish—*a strange thing for a father to ask.*

Old Sergeant Waller had insisted that his boy should be brought to trial before the court martial then in session and convicted or acquitted of the double charge of theft and desertion that had been lodged against him. In vain Charlton represented to him that it was not necessary. Nobody believed the stories now. The veteran was firm and positive in the stand he made.

"Everywhere in this department, sir, my boy's name has been held up to shame as a thief and a deserter. There is only one way to clear him. Let him stand trial and prove his innocence, and let us fix the guilt where it belongs." And Waller was right.

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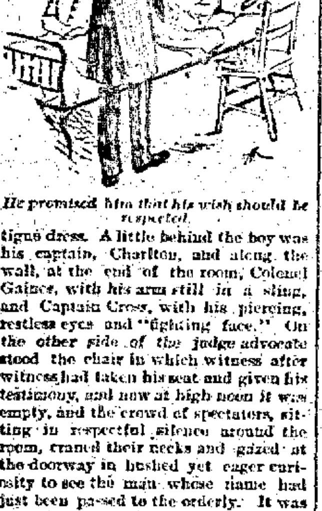
Who that was in the courtroom that hot August morning, when the south wind blew the dust cloud into the post and burned the very skin from the bronzed faces around the whitewashed wall, will ever forget the closing incidents of that trial? At the long wooden table sat the nine officers who composed the court, with their gray haired president at the head, all dressed in their full uniforms, all grave and silent. At the lower end of the table was the keen, *shrewd face of the young judge advocate* who conducted the entire proceedings. On one side of him, quiet, self possessed and patient, sat little Fred, neat and trim as a new pin in his faultless fatigue dress. A little behind the boy was his captain, Charlton, and along the wall, at the end of the room, Colonel Gaines, with *his arm still in a sling*, and Captain Cross, with his piercing, restless eyes and "fighting face." On *the other side of the judge advocate* stood the chair in which witness after witness had taken his seat and given his testimony, and now at high noon it was empty, and the crowd of spectators, sitting in respectful silence around the room, craned their necks and gazed at the doorway in hushed yet eager curiosity to see the man whose name had just been passed to the orderly. It was understood that the case for the prosecution depended mainly upon his evidence.



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CHAPTER XV.

COURT MARTIAL.

First Sergeant Graham had sworn to the disappearance of the money at the Niobrara and the fact that at daybreak the trumpeter *had gone* with his horse, arms and equipments. He also told of his belief that he and the men who slept near him that night had been stupefied by chloroform. Two other troopers told of the loss of their money at the same time. The hospital steward from Fort Robinson testified to Fred's coming to him and getting a little vial of chloroform on a forged request from Sergeant Graham. Corporal Watts had positively identified a $10 bill which was in the trumpeter's possession when he was searched, at his own request, when first accused of the crime, as one stolen from him at the Niobrara. He had had some experience, he said, and had made a record of the numbers, and this record in a little notebook was exhibited to the court.

Not once had the defense interposed or asked a question. It was evidently the policy of Fred's advisers to let the prosecution go as far as it chose, and now came the announcement of the name that was most intimately connected with the case, and Sergeant Dawson in his complete uniform strolled into court, removed the gauntlet from his right hand, and holding it aloft looked the judge advocate squarely in the face and swore to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Then he sat down and glanced quickly around him, but his eyes did not seem to see Fred Waller, nor did they rest for an instant on Captain Charlton, who, tugging at his mustache, looked steadily at the face of his left guide. Then began the slow, painful, cumbrous method by which the law of the land requires military courts to extract their evidence, every question and answer being reduced to writing. Sergeant Dawson gave, as required, his full rank, troop, regiment and station, but hesitated as to the latter point.

"I was left behind at Red Cloud when the troop came away Sunday a week ago, sir, along with Private Donovan, and we were kept there until I got orders to come here with the hospital steward. I just got in this morning, and I'm told the troop is back at the Platte [illegible]." But the matter of station was of no particular consequence, and the witness proceeded. [illegible] he knew the prisoner, Trumpeter Fred Waller, of Troop B, and had known him several years before he had enlisted. Told to tell in his own way what he knew of the circumstances that led to the charges against Waller, the witness cleared his throat and began.

It was the night they camped at the Niobrara, giving the date, that the prisoner seemed restless. All the men expected the Indians to make an attempt to run off the horses, and all were wakeful, but he had most occasion to notice Waller, who didn't seem able to sleep. That night passed without alarm of any kind, but the next night it was very dark, the moon went down at 11, and the horses got to stamping and snorting. Witness was sergeant of the guard and all night long had to be moving about among his sentries and the herd. About midnight he had come in to the fire, where Sergeant Graham was sleeping, to clean out his pipe, that had clogged. His leather wallet, with his money and some papers, was inside the canvas scouting jacket that the captain allowed him and others of the men to wear, and he took the jacket off a few minutes while he walked over to the stream and soused his head and face in the cold water, a thing he always tried to do when he felt sleepy. While there he thought he heard a call from the sentry up the stream, and he ran thither, and it was just then that the horses began making such a fuss. He kept around among the sentries, trying to find out the cause, and did not go back to the fire until it was all quiet, after 2 o'clock, and then he slipped into his jacket and overcoat and hurried back to where Donovan was on post below the bivouac. There was some noise they could not understand far out on the prairie in that direction. He never missed his money and the wallet until daybreak, when it was discovered that Waller had gone. He never heard him steal away during the night and was simply amazed when told of his desertion.

The lieutenant had been disposed to blame him at first for letting the trumpeter get away with his horse, but no man could have been more vigilant than he was. "The captain had never blamed him," he was sure from the captain's manner when he spoke to him about it at Red Cloud, and Dawson looked confidently now at his commander, but that gentleman never changed a muscle of his face.

As was customary, the judge advocate inquired if the prisoner had any questions to ask, and the spectators were amazed when he calmly answered, "No." Big beads of sweat were trickling down the sergeant's face by this time, but he could not control the look of wonderment that flashed for one instant into his eyes at this refusal of a valued privilege.

"*Has the court any questions?*" asked the judge advocate, and to the still greater wonderment of spectators and witness no member of the court appeared to care to inquire farther. When Sergeant Dawson left the courtroom and walked away toward the barracks, he knew that all eyes were upon him, and just as soon as he could throw aside his saber, helmet and full dress he lost no time in getting to the trader's store and swallowing half a tumbler of raw whisky. He thought the ordeal over and that he was free. It was with a sensation of something like premonition that as he came forth he saw at the barracks the orderly of the court martial, who had been sent to warn him that he would be called by the defense at 2 o'clock.

CHAPTER XVI.

PRISON AND PROMOTION.

That afternoon the courtroom was crowded when Sergeant Dawson retook his seat and glanced for the first time at the prisoner before him. In front of the boy was a little table, on which was a number of slips of paper. One of these was quietly passed to the judge advocate, who took it, wheeled in his chair and read aloud:

"What answer did you give Lieutenant Blunt when he asked if you had been outside the sentry line the night the prisoner disappeared?"

"I told him that I had not, sir," was *the prompt reply.*

The judge advocate posted the reply on his record sheet and wrote the answer below. *Then came another slip.*

"What answer did you give the captain when asked if any man had ridden back toward the *Niobrara the morning* the troop left there for Red Cloud?"

The sergeant's throat seemed to clog *a little*, but he *gulped down* the obstruction. "I said no man went back, sir."

"What buildings, if any, were there near the spot where the troop was in bivouac on the Niobrara?"

Dawson's face was losing its ruddy hue, but the beads of sweat were starting afresh.

"An old empty log hut, sir. I didn't take much notice of it, sir."

"How far from the sentries was it?"

"I don't just know, sir—200 or 300 yards perhaps." His lips were beginning to twitch and his eyes to wander nervously from face to face.

"How much money did you lose with your wallet that night?"

"Over $60, sir—every cent I had."

"What answer did you give Captain Charlton at Red Cloud when he asked you if you had seen anything of it since that night?"

"I told him no, sir."

"With whose money were you playing cards, then, below Red Cloud on the Sunday the troop marched away, leaving you behind?"

Dawson's face was ghastly. He choked for a moment, then seemed to make a desperate effort to pull himself together. "It wasn't so, sir," he muttered; then more loudly, "It was just a few dollars I borrowed," he began; but, looking furtively around, he caught one glimpse of his captain's stern face and just beyond him, through the open window, the sight of a tall, straight form in the uniform of the infantry. It was the provost sergeant from Fort Robinson.

"Mr. President, this man is in a spasm."

"It wasn't mine," he weakly murmured.

Another slip, and in the same cool, relentless tone the judge advocate read:

"What reason had you for taking your horse to the post blacksmith instead of the cavalry farrier to be shod the evening you reached Fort Robinson?"

Again the pallor of his face was almost ghastly. A hunted and desperate look came into his shifting eyes. One could have heard a pin drop anywhere [illegible] the [illegible] distance. For the first time Dawson began to realize that his every movement had been watched, traced and reported, *and still he strove to rally.*

"He was a better horseshoer; that's all."

"*You have testified that* you did not go outside of the line on the night of the camp on the Niobrara and did not *allow any one to go back after the troop* marched away. For what purpose did you yourself ride back and enter the log hut you described?"

"I—I never did!" gasped Dawson, with glaring eyes and ashen face. "I"— But his tongue seemed to cleave to the roof of his mouth, for Captain Charlton quietly arose, stepped forward and placed upon the table a large, flat wallet, at sight of which the sergeant's nerves gave way entirely. He made one or two efforts to speak, he struggled as if to rise, his eyes rolled in his head, and in another instant he was slipping helplessly to the floor. A young surgeon sprang to his side as the bystanders strove to lift him, and with one brief glance turned to the court. "Mr. President, this man is in a spasm and should be taken to the hospital."

"Very good, sir," was the calm reply. "*Major Edwards*, will you see to it that a sentry is posted over him? That man must not be allowed to escape."

Two more *witnesses* were examined that afternoon, the provost sergeant and Captain Charlton. The former testified that Dawson *had been gambling and* had lost heavily in the post before pay day; that on that fateful Sunday bill after bill he had *seen* him pay—*over* $100 at the table in the gamblers' tent down below the reservation—before he interfered, warned him of the departure of his troop and ordered him to report in garrison with his horse at once. Donovan had merely been a looker on at the mad game in which the sergeant had sought to recover his losses.

Charlton stated that after his investigation at Red Cloud he was confident that Dawson was the trooper who rode back to the old ranch and that something must be concealed there. Searching it late Sunday night, he found in the dugout a spot where the earth had been recently scooped away, and there in Dawson's old rubber poncho was the wallet with his papers and about $200 of the missing money or what his men believed to be such.

And then, amid the sympathetic *glances of all the court, young Fred* told his strange but soldierly story. It was Dawson who asked him to get the chloroform *for him at Red Cloud and* gave him the folded pencil note, it was Dawson who suggested to him the idea of *sleeping down* below the bivouac that evening near where Donovan was posted, and it was Dawson who roused him suddenly and startlingly in the dead of the night. "Up with you, Fred, boy!" he had said. "Up with you, but make no noise. There's the devil's own news. The Indians are out everywhere. The lieutenant's just got a courier from Robinson, and he and Sergeant Graham have to write dispatches to go right to the captain at Laramie. You know the whole Platte valley and how to get across and reach the Sidney road below?" Of course he did.

"Then the lieutenant says for God's sake lose not a minute, go for all you're worth, keep well to the west until you *cross the Platte and then make for the* southeast and warn back everybody who is coming north. He says Mrs. Charlton and the children were to come that way Saturday or Sunday to join the captain at Red Cloud. You can save them if you're in time."

Suddenly roused from sleep, Fred was bewildered for an instant; could only realize that his loved benefactors and friends were in deadly peril and that he was chosen to haste and rescue them. Dawson lifted him into the saddle, pressed some money into his hand to buy food when he reached the settlement or Sidney in case he met no travelers this side, led him to the water's edge and bade him lose not an instant. He never dreamed of harm or wrong or plot until his wounded father told him the foul charge against him after his long and gallant ride that blazing Sunday.

Then for a moment the little man broke down and sobbed, and old war worn soldiers in the court turned away with glistening eyes, and the president, rapping on the table, huskily ordered *the room to be cleared. Charlton's arms* were around his trumpeter's shoulders as he led him to the open air and to his father's bedside. "Cleared!" he *said in* answer to the longing look in the sergeant's eyes. "Cleared! There isn't a man, woman or child in all the post that doesn't know the verdict and that Dawson is doomed to four years in prison." And then he left them together and alone.

Dawson's trial and confession settled it all. He himself was the thief, who sought in this way to replace the money lost in gambling and to throw upon Fred Waller, should he escape, the burden of the crime. But a merciful God had watched over the boy in his brave and loyal effort, had guided him in safety through a host of savage foes and led him on to honor and vindication in the end. For months there was no happier boy on all the wide frontier than the little hero of the Sidney route, no happier father than brave old Sergeant Waller.

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Long years afterward, riding one evening into a cavalry camp on the southern plains, Captain Cross and the writer noted a tall, blue eyed, bronzed checked trooper, whose twirling mustache was almost the color of the faded yellow of the chevrons on his sleeve. Despite dust and the rough prairie dress no finer soldier had met their eyes in the long column that went flitting by.

"Who is that young first sergeant?"

"That?" answered Cross in surprise. "Don't you know who that is? Why, man, that's Charlton's old Trumpeter Fred."

THE END.

A Long Sentence.

Williston Palmer is the name of a white man against whom there are sentences of 209 years in the Georgia penitentiary. Palmer was originally sent up for 11 years from south Georgia for burglary. Shortly afterward, while working in the mines of Dade county, he attempted, with other convicts, to escape, and in the melee that followed he killed two of the guards. He was tried some time ago for the killing of the first guard and got 99 years. He was then put on trial for the killing of the other man and got 99 years more.—Exchange.

She Wasn't Guessing.

"Can I occupy half this seat?" asked the western drummer after he had succeeded in pushing his way into the crowded car.

"*I don't know, sir,*" said the Boston girl, "but if you intended to ask my permission to try it I beg to inform you that you may do so."—Cleveland Leader.

Comparative.

A.—My wife says she saw the lights all burning in your house as she came home from the ball at 3 o'clock in the morning. She thought it a little strange.

B.—A little strange? It was a little stranger.—London Tit-Bits.

OH FOR SOMETHING TO READ!

And it's oh for a Bible or saving tract,
A history, novel or two,
The ponderous tomes of the sages of old—
Moliere, law would do;
A paper, a pamphlet, a magazine
To stifle the thoughts that rise,
For the mind must feed, as the body does,
Or, like the body, dies!

Then it's oh for Dickens, Thackeray, Sue
And Lever and Lover's fun,
The stately style of the scholarly Burke
Or Hugo by the ton!
There's Shakespeare, Lytton and Dumas pere,
And fils of famed "Camille;"
Longfellow, Whittier, Bryant and Poe—
They ring of the truest steel.

Then it's oh for a book of some kind tonight!
This slave is my only friend.
Like friendship, too, it is brittle and thin;
Once broken, hard to mend.
But with friends in books you ne'er fall out.
They're true in hour of need
So come, add a year to my time, if you will,
But give me a book to read.

—Philadelphia Times.

THE RAINBOW'S LUCK

BY C. B. LEWIS.

During the palmy days of the whaling fleet no craft sailing out of any port was referred to as often as the bark Rainbow. Her history from beginning to end was a curious one, and it would be hard to find an old whaleman who hadn't heard *it half a dozen times* over.

The ship Wanderer went whaling from the port of Bristol, commanded by Captain Joseph Watkins. She was out 18 months and never took a whale. Four of her crew died of fever, three were killed by accident, and the ship returned so wrecked that she was sold for a collier. The owners lost heavily, of course, and Captain Watkins was called a Jonah and could not get another craft. One day when he was *digging* in his garden he unearthed three jars which were filled to the brim with gold pieces, and which *had* been buried for perhaps a century. His find footed up about $90,000, and with the greater portion of the money he built and fitted out the bark Rainbow. Instead of shipping a crew on shares he paid by the month, and thus set out on his first voyage with the best seamen of Bristol.

On the second day after leaving port the bark came across a dead whale floating about which yielded 80 barrels of oil. On the fifth day, just as the decks had been cleared up, she came upon the scene of a fight between five whales and seven or eight of that species of fish known as the killer, which is the mortal enemy of the leviathan and the only known one he has in any sea. The bark hove to and let the fight go on, and when it was over she had two dead whales to tow alongside and added 150 barrels of oil to her cargo. In four months from the day she left Bristol she entered port again, having a cargo of bone and oil which sold for more than $30,000. In addition to that she brought home the complete skeleton of a whale 85 feet long, for which the *British museum* paid $5,000 in cash.

The lucky voyage of the Rainbow created much talk, and when Captain *Watkins was ready to set sail again* he had to turn sailors away by the hundred. This time the crew was shipped *on shares, and no man had reason to regret it.* In 150 days the bark was back in Bristol with 2,870 barrels of common oil, 820 barrels of "case" or fine oil, and the largest cargo of baleen, or whalebone, ever brought to port by a whaler. She had not lost a man, boat or a sail. Everybody was astounded over the luck of a man who had been out a year and a half in another ship to meet with nothing but disaster, and the name of Captain Watkins was heard whenever two sailors met. He had money enough to enable him to live comfortably the rest of his days, but he was persuaded to make one more voyage. On this third cruise the leviathans of the deep seemed to hunt for the ship. In 150 days she made the port of Bristol with a cargo worth $6,000 more than either of the preceding ones.

When the Rainbow had completed her third voyage, Captain Watkins determined to remain ashore. There were so many men who wanted to buy the lucky ship *that she* was put up at auction. Men came from every seaport in England and Scotland to bid on her, and the price was *run up until she sold* for $5,000 more than she had cost to build. She was bid in by a Bristol firm, and the command of her *given to a Captain Travers.* Her complement of men when ready for sea was 38, but so widespread was her fame as a lucky ship that there were over 700 applicants for the 38 places.

Three months after she arrived home on her third cruise the Rainbow went to sea again. Up to this time I had never seen the bark, but had heard all about her a dozen times over from men aboard of our whaling ship, the Nancy Lee of Marblehead. One day as we were cutting in a whale to the north of St. Helena the Rainbow came up from the east, and the two craft remained in company for three or four hours. The lucky ship had then been out of port 40 days without a capture and all were disgusted. More than that, she had been through a severe gale and had three men hurt and lost sails and topmasts. Her luck *had changed.* Captain Travers was a fine seaman, an old whaler, and had never brought an empty ship into port, but *the fact remained* that the Rainbow had not yet even lowered for a whale.

Just as she was ready to leave us, however, *two large whales* spouted water within a half mile of the ships. They were a quarter of a mile apart, and while we lowered *for one* the bark took the other. We had but little trouble in killing our prey, which was a female and good for 70 barrels of oil. The other was a bull whale and evidently in bad temper. He first led the boats a chase of three miles to the south and then slowed around and waited for them to come up. When the mate's boat was within 600 feet of him, he rushed forward and ran it down, and as it floated astern of him he smashed it with a blow of his flukes. Two men were killed by this blow.

Two weeks later, just as we had scrubbed our decks, and while we were under easy sail to the south of St. Helena, we lowered for a school of whales and got two. There were 12 in the school, and 10 went off to the southwest. We were making our captures fast to the ship when the Rainbow came down on us from the south. She was now 54 days out, and ill luck still pursued her. After parting from us she lowered *for* a whale and lost two harpoons and lines and had half a day's work for nothing. Two men had fallen from aloft, had broken arms or legs, and her captain had to come aboard of us to buy oil to keep his lamps alight.

As I was third mate of the Nancy Lee, I had an opportunity to hear of the feeling which prevailed aboard the bark. Her crew were on the verge of mutiny, and Captain Travers had become alarmed for his own safety. The men had come to regard him as a Jonah, and on the day he ran down to us had come to the decision that if the run of ill luck was not broken they would compel him to return to Bristol with an empty ship. Captain Travers was still aboard of us when a monster whale broke water within half a mile of the two craft. We got him aboard of his ship as soon as possible, but long enough before he reached her his mates had lowered and were away. The hour was 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and we knocked off work to see the fun.

There were those aboard of the Rainbow who said it was the same whale which had killed two men and smashed a boat to the north of St. Helena. Be *that as it may*, he had a harpoon sticking in him and was badly tangled up in a whale line. He was rolling on the surface when both boats came up and made fast at the same moment. For 15 seconds the monster did not move a fin. Then he *started off* with a rush and made a complete circle about both ships, leaving such a wake behind him that there were times when we lost sight of the boats in the foam. Having completed the circle the monster slowed about until he was head on to the first mate's boat. He lay for a moment swinging his lower jaw to right and left and then made a rush. The boat attempted to shoot ahead and avoid him, but he caught her with a swing of that terrible jaw and left only fragments behind as he came down between the two ships and went off to the south. The second mate's boat was obliged to cut loose to pick up the other crew, but three men, one of whom was the first mate, had lost their lives. When the extent of the calamity became known, open mutiny resulted.

The men demanded that the Rainbow be headed for Bristol, and two hours later she laid her course for that port and left us. Never did a more *disgruntled* crew reach port. The owners at once removed Captain Travers from command. The men scattered, and it was three months before the bark started out for another cruise. She had lost prestige, but she was still looked upon as a lucky craft and there was no lack of applicants when she was ready for sea. On this, which proved to be her last cruise, she was commanded by Captain Thorndyke, who was a whaler of 15 years' experience and had commanded some of the best vessels in the fleet. On leaving Bristol he told the owners he would come back with a hold full of oil or not at all.

We in the Nancy Lee had meanwhile transshipped 1,400 barrels of oil and worked our way down to Cape Horn and 200 miles south of it. We were cruising east and west, taking a whale occasionally, when the Rainbow came down on us for the third time. This was some nine or ten months after her last adventure, and she had made the trip from Bristol without sighting a spout. She came down to us at 10 o'clock one morning, remained hove to until 2 in the afternoon and then headed away to the east.

We came about, and two days later sighted the Rainbow again. Neither craft had sighted a spout, but at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, as they lay within a quarter of a mile of each other, a whale broke water within a cable's length of the bark. He was so close to her that we had no show and did not lower. It was a lone whale and a big one, and we no sooner had him under our glasses than we saw that he was a fighter. There were half a dozen [illegible] on his head, and the way he [illegible] showed his temper. As he was [illegible] to us he must have seen both [illegible] the two boats lowered for him [illegible] made no move until the [illegible] was close upon him and ready to dart. She had made a half circle out of his line of vision [illegible] him broadside on, but he [illegible] proach, and indulged in a [illegible] neuver.

Few men ever saw a whale [illegible] ter, and there are plenty of [illegible] contend that he cannot [illegible] however, backed a distance [illegible] and with amazing swiftness [illegible] striking the boat with his [illegible] killed four men and reduced [illegible] matchwood. Then he started [illegible] for the Rainbow, and his [illegible] of an avalanche. Every man [illegible] our eyes on him when he struck [illegible] the port bow, and we plainly [illegible] crash of planks and timbers [illegible] shook [illegible] he started off [illegible] and was [illegible] the Rainbow was at the [illegible] the sea. Not a man saved even [illegible] jacket. There was scarce time [illegible] to lower their boats when the bark pitched forward and went to her grave. We, of course, took them aboard and after a few weeks they were landed at Bahia.

DOOLITTLE'S LITTLE JOKE.

How He Conferred an Honor Upon His Friend, Senator Fessenden.

The old senator was a great story teller and related many interesting and humorous accounts of what he had seen *in public life. One of his favorite* stories was at the expense of Senator Fessenden, a warm personal friend. The judge and Senator Fessenden had been appointed on a commission, with several others, to treat with the various chiefs of the Sioux Nation on an important Indian question of the day. It was long before railways had been introduced into the far west, and the members of the commission had to travel on horseback. Judge Doolittle was chairman of the commission, but at the conference shifted that duty to the shoulders of Senator Fessenden. The latter was highly pleased at the honor conferred on him and much "puffed up" in consequence. The judge had method in his madness, however, for he had heard of the peculiar reception tendered by the Indians to the spokesman of any party of visiting whites.

At the appointed time the two parties to the conference congregated. There were probably 200 Indian chiefs present, with their wives. Senator Fessenden advanced to do the honors for the commissioners, when, to his dismay, the whole body of Indians, squaws and all, advanced and, after embracing the chairman, gave him, according to their custom, a welcoming kiss. Judge Doolittle often said he thought that Fessenden never forgave him for the trick.—*Boston Herald.*

Guarding Her Nerves.

A *little* cast end maiden of 5 summers, whose clever sayings are the delight of her friends, recently dined with an aunt. At the beginning of the repast she gravely said to her relative:

"I'll take just one cup of tea, Aunt Liza. I have to be so careful about my nerves. If I don't take care, I'll have nerves like a cat."

She got her tea, and it is scarcely necessary to add that when she had finished it she forgot all about her poor nerves and clamored for more.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Oldest Sailing Craft.

The oldest sailing craft in the world is the so called Gokstad ship, a viking vessel which was discovered in a sepulchral mound on the shores of Christiania fiord. It is 1,000 years old.

Quite Likely.

Teacher—Willie, if your father gave you 10 cents and then took away 4 and gave them to your brother, what would that make?

Willie—Trouble.—[illegible] Record.

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FRANK FRITZ.

Cyclone, Pa., Dec. 15, 1897.

THE government has almost 1,000,000 pensioners on its roll.

OVER $2,000,000,000 has been paid in pensions since the close of the war.

THE article in last week's issue referring to Ex-Congressman Leonard's appointment as Revenue Collector of the 12th Dis't should have read Scranton instead of Pittsburg.

AT 3 o'clock last Sunday morning Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley closed her eyes to all earthly scenes. Her honored son, the President, and all the members of the family were present. She never regained consciousness from the time she was first stricken. The Funeral was held last Tuesday from the First M. E. Church at Canton, Ohio.

IN the regular column will be found the name of Frank Fritz, who announces himself as a candidate for supervisor of Keating township. Twice he has held that important position with credit to himself and pleasure and profit to the taxpayers—with pleasure in that he has given them good roads in that section, and profit in that he has been economical in the discharge of his duties. As one of the board he has almost wiped out a township debt of about $[illegible],000, as he claims there will be only about $600 indebtedness remaining against the township at the coming spring audit. This is a good record and speaks well for Mr. Fritz's integrity and faithfulness. On these grounds he asks the voters of Keating township a third nomination, feeling certain that he is deserving of the same.

THE Brooklyn Eagle, one of the most honest and fair Democratic journals in the country has the following to say on the Dingley tariff law:

Ample revenue insuring the conduct of the Government on a sound basis will do more to allay popular restlessness and discontent than anything else and cannot be without weight in dispelling the financial heresies which still pervade large sections of the country. The question is not a partisan one, as some of our more rabid contemporaries would make it out to be. It is one in which citizens of all shades of politics have an equally direct interest. If the bill after further trial does not come up to expectation, if it prove disappointing to those who are now confident of its success, it can be perfected by supplemental legislation without rendering necessary a a radical revision of its main features. President McKinley has said that the revenue should always be large enough to meet with ease and promptness not only our current needs and the principal and interest on the public debt, but that the Government should not be permitted to run behind or increase its debt in times like the present. That, of course, is well understood.

MANY of the free-trade Democratic journals are kicking because the Dingley tariff bill so far has failed to supply sufficient revenue to meet the expenses of the government for the first four months since it became a law. If these same journals were inclined to be at all fair they would at least wait until the millions of dollars worth of goods that were rushed pell mell across the ocean before the Dingley bill became a law, in order to avoid the increased tariff, had been used up before they commenced to condemn the new tariff. They ought to at least give it a fair trial, which it has not yet had. The many months that elapsed during the passage of the Wilson Gorman bill there was very little importation of foreign manufactured goods, but as soon as that odious measure became a law the ocean steamers were kept busy rushing the product of the poorly paid laborers of Europe to our ports of entry, while our own factories were gradually compelled to close. While the passage of the Dingley bill was pending, which promised an increased revenue, every obstacle that could be devised was brought forward to hinder its passage in order to allow importers to overload our markets with foreign goods, that they might reap the benefits that would accrue from the increase of tariff. With an overstocked market to contend against the Dingley tariff is blamed for a shortage in revenue to meet the demands of the government, when the blame justly belongs to the Wilson Gorman bill and the party that formulated the same. When this overplus of imported goods is exhausted there is no doubt in the mind of any fair-minded person that the Dingley bill will produce sufficient revenue to meet the obligations of the government. What took the incompetent Democratic leaders four years to destroy cannot be built up in the short period of four months.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of constipation and sick headache. For malaria and liver troubles they have been proved [illegible] are guaranteed to be [illegible] from every deleterious [illegible] [illegible]

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13, 1897.

Democratic opposition to the annexation of Hawaii, which has become so pronounced since the reassembling of Congress, is fully explained by a story that is being told among the knowing ones in Washington. According to this story, the Democratic party has been sold by its leaders in Congress to the sugar trust, which all the world knows is willing to spend an enormous amount of money to prevent the annexation of Hawaii. The sugar leaders believe to be large enough to enable them to elect a Democratic majority of the House next year and a Democratic president in 1900, if the Democratic leaders can succeed in preventing the annexation of Hawaii, either through the ratification of the treaty or by direct legislation. That is why the Democratic Senators, with two exceptions, are all working against the ratification of the treaty, and why the Democrats of the House will this week, in caucus, declare against annexation. But this disgraceful deal cannot be carried out, because the Democrats cannot prevent the annexation of Hawaii.

No date has been set for the return of President McKinley to Washington but it is expected that he will start back immediately after his mother's funeral.

Chairman Dingley's emphatic statement in the House about the prospective revenues and expenditures of the government, disposed of the whole batch of misrepresentations as to Republicans seriously considering legislation to furnish additional revenue. Of course everybody in Washington knew that these stories were purely imaginary and that the only object in circulating them was to discredit the administration and the Republican party. Mr. Dingley did not simply make the assertion that the revenues of the government would exceed its expenditures by at least $10,000,000 during the next fiscal year, but backed his assertions with figures which had the unqualified endorsement of President McKinley and Secretary Gage. No legislation providing more revenue is contemplated by the Republicans in Congress, for the simple reason that none is needed; the Dingley law is steadily increasing the revenue and will provide all the money necessary to economically administer the government.

The fact that 72 Republican members of the House participated in a conference called after they had each signed a paper stating that the conference should consist "of such Republican members as favor the modification of the civil service law, or a more honest enforcement of its provisions, or a more certain definition of the extent of its application," convinced even the most doubting that there is serious Republican opposition to a continuance of the present civil service situation. These Republican believe in real civil service reform, but not in the sham article for which Mr. Cleveland is responsible, which covered with the protecting cloak of civil service reform, thousands of Democrats who entered the public service by the dismissal of Republicans, for no other cause than their Republicanism. Reduced to what they consider its legitimate function, every one of these Republican representatives would vote for a continuance of the civil service law, but rather than see it continued in its present shape, they will work for its repeal or crippling in any manner within their power, and they will not lack for staunch supporters among the rank and file of the party throughout the country.

If this isn't the short business session of Congress that it ought to be, the Republican leaders of the House are fully determined that no blame shall be laid at their doors. Since the first day of the session they have been hustling. Last week the pension appropriation bill was passed, and this week the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill will be put through. The disposal of two of the regular appropriation bills before the Christmas recess will be a record of which the Republicans of the House may well feel proud.

A little thing like a fact never bothers those who lie through choice. When Senator Hoar presented the petition of some native Hawaiians against annexation to the Senate, the liars all rushed a statement off that Senator Hoar was the champion of the petitioners and intended to fight annexation. Now, where do you suppose Senator Hoar got that petition? From Secretary Sherman, one of the staunchest advocates of annexation. It was taken to the State Department by the Hawaiians, and Mr. Sherman told them he would have it laid before the Senate, which had the treaty under consideration, and he asked Senator Hoar, as a member of the committee on foreign relations to present it. Every day Senators present petitions with which they have no sympathy, and nothing is said about it, but in this case the paid lobbyists lied in order to impress their employers with the idea that they were earning their pay.

How to Prevent Pneumonia.

At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if left to run its course without the aid of some reliable cough medicine is liable to result in that dread disease, pneumonia. We know of no better remedy to cure a cough or cold than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. We have used it quite extensively and it has always given entire satisfaction.—Oolagah, Ind. Ter. Chief.

This is the only remedy that is known to be a certain preventive of pneumonia. Among the many thousands who have used it for colds and la grippe we have never yet learned of a single case having resulted in pneumonia. Persons who have weak lungs or have reason to fear an attack of pneumonia, should keep the remedy at hand. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

It is Strange

that some people who say they never read patent medicine advertisements will be found lugging home every now and then a bottle of some favorite remedy of theirs. We don't bother you with such reading matter but just ask you to try a 10c trial bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin for constipation, indigestion and stomach troubles. 50c and $1.00 sizes. At A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

After hearing some friends continually praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

It is easy to catch a cold and just as easy to get rid of it if you commence early to use One Minute Cough Cure. It cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, pneumonia and all throat and lung troubles. It is pleasant to take, safe to use and sure to cure. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Miss Allie Hughes of Norfolk, Va., was frightfully burned on the face and neck. Pain was instantly relieved by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which healed the injury without leaving a scar. It is the famous pile remedy. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

For Rent.

On Oct. 1st the rooms over Lemmler's barber shop will be vacant. There are five rooms and the rent is reasonable. Inquire of [illegible]

R. C. OLRASON,
Smethport, Pa.

STONE AND THE VETERAN.

Congressman William A. Stone of Pennsylvania came out ahead the other day in a contest with the Washington police in which the comfort of an old soldier was at stake. Yesterday a decrepit veteran from Pennsylvania hobbled on crutches through the capitol on a sight seeing expedition. He became tired, and, seeing a row of six unoccupied benches in the rotunda, he made for them and sat down to rest. A policeman instantly made for him. "Get up from there," he commanded. "Don't you see that sign up there?" pointing to a legend which bore the words, "These benches exclusively for ladies."

The veteran protested that he was tired out and that as the benches were not in use he felt that an old man who had lost a leg in the country's defense might be permitted to use a small space on one of them. "It makes no difference," declared the policeman. "My orders from the police board are to keep men out of these seats. You must move on."

The old soldier gathered up his crutches and prepared to move on just as Col. Stone came passing through. The Colonel is a veteran himself, and, seeing a comrade in distress, he inquired the cause. The veteran explained and Col. Stone lost his temper.

"Sit right down again on that bench," he exclaimed, "and stay there until you get rested." Then, turning to the policeman, the Colonel denounced his conduct in rather strong language, and added that he would have that sign taken down if he had to get a resolution through the House to do it. The officer walked off and left the Colonel and the veteran swapping reminiscences on "the ladies bench."

Last night the captain of the Capitol police called on Col. Stone and to day the sign over the benches was removed. Hereafter old soldiers can find a resting place in the rotunda of the Capitol.

The Surprise of All.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develope into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home and to the surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half dozen bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at A. B. Armstrong & Co's Drug Store.

Holiday Excursion Rates Over the B., R. & P. R'y.

Imbued with the spirit of the season and in recognition of the large passenger business during the Christmas holidays, in accordance with its customary liberality, the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg R'y will make a Christmas present to each of its patrons purchasing round trip tickets on dates named of two-thirds the one way fare, by making the low rate of a fare and one-third for the round trip between all stations on its line. Tickets to be sold Dec. 24, 25 and 31, 1897, and Jan. 1, 1898, limited for return passage to Jan. 3, 1898.

Pennsylvania Railroad Company will Issue Clerical Orders for 1898.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that the issue of clerical orders will be continued for 1898 on the same lines as in effect at present.

Application blanks may be obtained of ticket agents, and same should reach the general office by December 25, so that orders may be mailed December 31 to clergymen entitled to receive them. Orders will be issued only on individual application of clergymen, to be made on blanks furnished by the company and certified to by one of its agents.

A Great Deal

of unnecessary expenditure of time and money may be saved if you will only keep a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin in the house. Nine-tenths of all ordinary sickness is from the stomach; keep that organ in proper condition and all will be well. Syrup Pepsin is a specific. Trial size bottles 10c, large size 50c and $1.00 of A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Mrs. M. B. Ford, Buddells, Ill., suffered for eight years from dyspepsia and chronic constipation and was finally cured by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for all stomach and liver troubles. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

For Sale.

Full-blooded Jersey bull, 4 years old, sired by Jersey Monarch, No. 2321, dam, full blooded Jersey cow (eligable for registration) now owned by J. C. Hamlin of this place. Will be sold for cash or traded for other stock.

JAMES QUIRK,
tf Smethport, Pa.

J. A. Perkins of Antiquity, O., was for thirty years needlessly tortured by physicians for the cure of eczema. He was quickly cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the famous healing salve for piles and skin diseases. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin today to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says: "After two doctors gave up my boy to die, I saved him from croup by using One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

Billiard Table For Sale.

I have a billiard table, etc., in good order that I will sell very cheap. Call on or address,

FRED J. SILFIES,
47-4t Clermont, Pa.

A gift for Christmas; that makes everyone think. Why not get a crayon of Gleason. Order at once for Christmas.

Good house and lot for sale. Inquire at this office or of the undersigned.

tf M. S. COMBS,

A. B. Armstrong & Co. guarantee the American Silver Truss to give entire satisfaction or refund money.

The milk that is furnished by Dodge & Sherburne cannot be excelled by anyone.

Notice to Take Testimony in Divorce.

Hiram W. Burlingame vs. Martha J. Burlingame } In the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County. No. 114, June Term, 1897.

To Hiram W. Burlingame, libellant, and Martha J. Burlingame, respondent, in the above case:

You are hereby notified that I, Sheridan Gorton, having been duly appointed by the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, as commissioner to take testimony in the above action of divorce pending in said court, wherein Hiram W. Burlingame is libellant and Martha J. Burlingame is respondent, will attend to the duties of my said appointment, at my office in the court house, in Smethport borough, McKean county, Pa., on Monday, the 3rd day of Jan'y A. D. 1898, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m. of the said day, when and where you will be present if you deem proper.

SHERIDAN GORTON,
BOUTON & GALLUP, Commissioner.
Att'ys for Libellant. 50-2t

Xmas Gifts!

Nothing
Daintier
Than

Perfume.

All prices, from 10c to $5.00. One quality the finest money can buy. New Odors. See our Window.

H. C. WELLS, Druggist,
Smethport, Pa.

SHOES!

Buy your CHRISTMAS PRESENTS of

Albert Anderson.

He keeps a large assortment of Ladies' and Gents' Fine Shoes and Slippers at prices that suit

A Few Prices

Best Box Calf and Enameled Shoes which you pay $5 and $6 for in out of town stores cost you $3 to 3.75. Men's slippers 85c to $1.45, Ladies' Slippers 60c to $1.45. Misses' Slippers, very best, $1.00. Best quality lambs' wool soles 25c.

Don't fail to visit my store before purchasing.

Albert Anderson,
CALLAR BLOCK, SMETHPORT.

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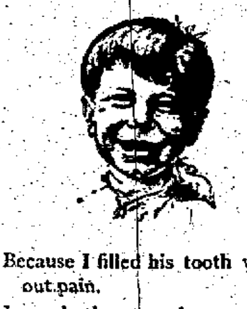

Because I filled his tooth without pain.

I can do the same for you.

With the experience, the "know how," the facilities for best work.

Prices that are right.

Satisfaction guaranteed.

DR. F. C. PIERCE,
Dentist.

To the Public.

The loss of my Livery Barn by fire makes it necessary for me to reduce my stock. I have for sale at reasonable prices:

Horses,
Sleighs,
Cutters,
Harness,
Blankets,
Robes,
Whips,
Buggies,
Wagons,

Acme Stock Food,
Pulsifer's Veterinary Medicines,
Daniels' Veterinary Medicines,
Harness Oil,
Coach Oil,
Axle Grease,
Extra Thills,
Extra Poles,
Extra Buggy Poles,

Come and see me. Office in Backus Block, Opposite Court House.

A. T. PALMER.

WANTED—A position as book-keeper or stenographer by a young lady graduate. She is thoroughly prepared and anxious for experience. Moderate salary. She is one of the very finest writers in the State. Send for a specimen of her work if you have a position of any kind to offer. Address Bradford Business College of Employment, Bradford, Pa.

Cash Prices R Not Tick Prices.

Arbuckles Coffee 10c lb., mixed candies 10c lb. or 3 for 25c, walnuts 14c lb., Brazil nuts 10c, peanuts 5c qt. Ginger snaps and crackers, strictly A No. 1 and fresh, 6c lb. Matches, 9c dozen boxes, not 20c, and they are the best parlor. Clothes pins 1c doz.

COME EARLY

Don't wait till the last day before Xmas. Now is your time to get your best selection of these fancy Imported China Novelties. They will not last at the prices they R marked. Don't wait! Come now.

There has never been so large an assortment of fancy and useful goods in Smethport as I now have.

A. E. STICKLES, Smethport, Pa.

Horses and Pianos.

We once saw a horse sold for ninety-five cents. He was just as high and just as long as any horse. This may not be an elegant comparison, but it applies. A low priced article is not a cheap article. A cheap article is not always low priced. A low priced piano is a questionable piano. A questionable piano is a bad piano. Hence buy the best—

BUY A CHICKERING. . . . . .

It will cost you some money—all good pianos do. The difference is not so great, but the quality is beyond comparison. We exhibit all styles of Chickerings.

E. L. SMITH & CO.
Masonic Temple. Olean, N. Y.

Fresh Home Made Candy at Brasted's

CHRISTMAS
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Cake Plate
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Winter Is Here

and now is the time to buy

Cutters and Sleighs,
Blankets and Robes.

We have the only replete stock in Olean and the price to suit the times.

Oak Leather Harness & Carriage Co.,
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Sign OLEAN, N. Y.
GRAY HORSE.

S. HICKS,

OPTICIAN,
of KANE.

WILL TEST EYES AND FIT GLASSES AT

Dr. Chadwick's Drug Store,
Smethport, Pa.,
TUESDAY, DEC. 21st,
Day and Evening.

ALSO—At the Wilcox House, Wilcox, on Thursday, Dec. 16th; at Campbell's Hotel, Mt. Jewett, Monday, Dec. 20th; and at Hyatt's Pharmacy, Johnsonburg, Thursday, Dec. 23d; and at his own office, Kemp-Kane Block, Kane, every Friday and Saturday.

Are You Losing Your Hair?

It Stops falling hair and makes the hair grow. Removes Dandruff. It is not a dye in any sense. It is a restorer in every sense. No more gray hair after using this remedy. Contains no oil—is not sticky or gummy. Mail orders filled. Price $1.00. For sale at all drug stores, or by

CHAS. A. DEEPS,
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220 Broadway, Buffalo.

Possibly You Have Lost it.

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Here once more,
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VASES.

One of our best lines. We are proud of this selection of dainty and seasonable gifts.

Price will certainly suit you.

BOOKS

For people of all ages. Have you seen our green edition at

35c; 3 for $1.00 (not 50c each)

PERFUMES.

Our reputation for good Perfumes is established. Always the best at reasonable prices—

10c to $5.00.

Silver Novelties

Are selling rapidly—cause is apparent

Celluloid Goods, } Toilet Sets, Traveling Sets, Smokers' Sets.
Leather Goods, } Collar and Cuff Boxes, Handkerchief Boxes, Etc., Etc.

Children's Palace.

The place where Games, Toys, Blocks, Dolls, Engines, Horses, Stoves, Drums, Sad Irons, Ten Pins, Dishes, Dresses and hundreds of other presents for our Girls and Boys are found in profusion.

Wells' Drug Store,
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Ford's Red Front Removal Sale.

CLOTHING. CLOTHING.

REMEMBER . . .

the great removal sale of clothing at

FORD'S RED FRONT,

It will soon close. Jan. 1 will be the wind up of one of the greatest clothing sales ever offered to you. Clothing at manufacturers' prices.

Also keep fresh in your memory we hage the largest and best line of Underwear in Olean from 25 cents to $3.

A full line of Gloves and Mittens at the popular prices.

Ford's Red Front Removal Sale.

Send it by TELEGRAPH!

Plant your order now for

CHRISTMAS.

"Tears are nothing but salt water." If you do not take advantage of some of my offerings you will soon be able to start a little ocean of your own.

There is nothing in the Watch or Jewelry line that I cannot save you money on.

Any order for Diamonds, Jewelry, Silverware or Novelties will receive prompt and careful attention.

I have a good Bicycle joke to tell you later.

M. L. ARMSTRONG,
Smethport, Pa.

CHRISTMAS.

This magnificant stock is at your service. You find some gifts elsewhere. Nearly all gifts are here. This variety insures satisfaction. Our prices are lower than competitors can meet. At this time of all times every consideration invites you to this store.

Toy Department

Every toy that Christmas brings to anybody is in one room here.

1500 Dolls—10c to $6.00.
200 kinds of toys.
150 different games.
Hobby Horses.
Iron Toys—all kinds.

All Doll Furniture.
New kinds of Doll Carriages.
Toy Carpet Sweepers—50c.
Tool Chests.
40 kinds of sleds—40c up.

China Department

Our own importations from every China-making country.

100 Styles Dinner Sets—$6.75 up.
New Toilet Sets—$2.50 up.
Breakfast and Tea Sets.
Soup Sets—Fish Sets, etc.
Sole agents for Haviland Ware.

Fancy Chinca from every country—Japan to Austria.
Bric-a-brac and Pottery.
White China for decorating.
Sibley's latest Cut Glass.

Silverware and Jewelry

Standard and honest wares at the lowest prices anybody asks.

Gorham's and Whitney's solid wares.
Sets in white kid cases.
The four best makes of plated wares.
Wm. Rogers' flat ware.
100 Silver Novelties—50c and up.
Solid silver brush and comb, $5.00.

American watches—$3.00 up.
Sole agents for the best Swiss watches.
Little Chatalain watches.
Clocks in every modern style.
A $20,000 stock of diamonds.
All of Rogers & Gallet's $5.00 perfumes.

Gifts for Everybody

Our variety in everything is as complete as in the largest cities.

Demorest $55 Sewing Machine—$19.50.
Bissell's Carpet Sweepers.
Banquet Lamps at special prices.
The best Lamp ever sold at $2.00.
New self-pouring tea pots.
New Princess Lamps.

The most unique umbrellas.
Onyx Stands—Jardinieres.
Gold pens—fountain pens.
Pocketbooks and card cases.
Smoking Sets.
All kinds of mirrors.

These are but a few suggestions. Our store is filled.

EMERY & WEAVER,

L. Emery, Jr., & Co.,
BRADFORD, PENN'A.

LEATHER GOODS.

The finest assortment of Ladies' and Gents' Pocket Books, Traveling Cases, Card Cases, Etc., ever shown in Smethport.

We will also have a new line of Pictures at prices from 75c to $10 each.

Bibles, Hymnals, Prayer Books and Testaments.

Stationery and Toilet Articles, Drugs and Medicines, at

Armstrong & Co.'s,
Opposite Court House. SMETHPORT, PA.

Fall and Winter MILLINERY GOODS

are here and the new designs and shapes are more stylish and beautiful than ever before, if such a thing is possible. The stock was personally selected by me. A visit to any of the stores is well worth your time, and if you contemplate buying you will be the winner.

Mrs. J. W. Reilly,
SMETHPORT, PA.
OLEAN BRANCH,
105 State Street.

In Order to

KEEP UP WITH THE ELECTRIC AGE

and make our store headquarters for the

Christmas Spirit

We call your attention to us. Especially in the book line. FANCY BOOKLETS, THE LATEST NOVELS, BIBLES, PRAYER BOOKS. We desire that you call and look over this line before making orders to department stores, as we have the goods and are determined to make the price so that you will purchase at home.

McCoy's Drug Store,
Odd Fellows' Block. SMETHPORT, PA.

Fall Millinery.

My stock has recently arrived and for style and quality it cannot be excelled.

FALL AND WINTER DRESS GOODS.

My new stock of single patterns is unequalled in this section. All the latest patterns—no two alike.

LADIES' FURNISHINGS.

Everything in this line that the most fanciful could desire. Don't fail to see my stock before purchasing.

Mrs. E. E. Chambers,
SMETHPORT, PA.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

F. G. LINDHOLM & CO.,
DEALERS IN
General Merchandise.

SMETHPORT, PA., Dec. 10, 1897.

DEAR READER :—

We announce to you to-day the arrival at our store of an extensive collection of the useful and the beautiful in Christmas wares.

It has been our study this season to get together a wide range of the practical along with the merely ornamental.

With our announcement we invite your presence in our establishment and respectfully solicit your patronage.

Very Truly Yours,
F. G. LINDHOLM & CO.

New, Bright, Beautiful

A Few Suggestions.

Medallions,
Picture Frames,
Pictures,
Baskets,
Art Goods,
Books,
Toys and Games,
Neckties,
Mufflers,
Umbrellas,
Slippors,
Gloves,
Furs,
Handkerchiefs.

CANDIES & NUTS.

F. G. LINDHOLM & CO.,
Dec. 10. Smethport, Penn'a.

CRAYONS!

You want one. Am now enabled to furnish fine crayons for Christmas at lowest possible prices. These are extra fine and you will think so if you get one. Nothing better for a gift.

PICTURES!

Carbonettes, Cabinets, Views, etc., all up to date and as good as you can get anywhere,

"IKE" GLEASON, The Photographer,
Smethport, Pa.

"SHOES."

We will send to any responsible person SHOES to select from. We have everything in

Fine Shoes

In styles and quality that cannot be purchased in any small town. We make a specialty of FINE SHOES; every width and size.

BURT & PACKARD'S Korrect Shape Shoes for Men. We refer you to our many customers in Smethport.

R. W. Bloodsworth & Co.,
Olean, N. Y.

Commence the New Year by Smoking

The American Gentleman Cigar.

You will never regret the good resolution you have started. For sale at all first-class cigar stands in Smethport and vicinity.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, DEC. 17, 1897.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Read A. T. Palmer's change of advertisement.

—See adv. for the "American Gentleman," cigar.

—Guy B. Mayo was admitted to the bar this morning.

—It will pay you. What? Why, to attend the institute.

—Come to the Farmers' Institute on Monday and Tuesday.

—Bring your wife, sons and daughters to the Institute Dec. 20 and 21.

—Chas. Lemmler has a change of adv. in this issue. Don't fail to read it.

—Attention is called to the notice of John Beastrum in another column.

—D. C. Young has something interesting to tell you in his adv. this week.

—W. G. Holder was appointed constable by the council Monday night.

—The Palace Pharmacy is "on the spot" this week with a full column adv. Read it.

—Attending the Farmers' Institute will be more valuable to you than money at interest.

—The Rescue Hose Co. of Kane will give their 6th annual ball on Tuesday evening, Dec. 28.

—The loss on John G. Boyer's barn has been adjusted and a check for the amount forwarded.

—The mandolin club will furnish some fine music at the Farmers' Convention next Monday night.

—H. W. Halsemson has a derrick erected and will start drilling for gas or oil after the holidays.

—A. T. Palmer, since the fire has his office located in the Backus' building opposite the court house.

—Louis Marck and A. Mayer & Co. of Bradford have received a large amount of free advertising this week.

—Harry Warshofsky has opened a store in the Stickles' building on Mechanic street, near the bridge.

—Mr. and Mrs. Peirce wish to thank their neighbors and friends who so kindly helped them the night of the fire.

—The school library will be open on Fridays, Dec. 24 and 31 instead of Saturdays on account of the holidays.

—J. Colegrove has something interesting to tell you in his adv. this week. This popular store is always at the front.

—Prof. Cooper of the Bradford Herald has the Klondike fever and expects to start for those frigid regions about March 1.

—The MINER is authorized to say that the first one caught snow balling on the street will be taken care of by the proper officer.

—The members of the Swedish Lutheran church on Fulton street have purchased a new organ and placed it in their church.

—The following letters remain lying in the postoffice for the week ending Dec. 11: Burrows, Miss Grace; Gorman, Dan; [illegible], John (2).

—Last Wednesday H. W. Rubin & Co. purchased the building on Water street occupied by Warshofsky's bottling works of G. H. Colegrove.

—Robert Campbell died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. S. James, at Kane [illegible] aged 83 years. Funeral [illegible]

—The council last Monday night appointed a committee to draft an ordinance establishing fire limits as regards to the erection of buildings.

—A. Joseph of Bradford in going down the steps at the B., B. & K. depot last night, sprained right ankle, fractured a couple small bones in his foot and ruptured some of the ligaments.

—Rev. Dr. Walker of the M. E. church will deliver a sermon next Sunday evening on "Destiny Decided by Character," a fit topic to follow the temperance lectures given by Mr. C. J. Hall. All are most cordially invited.

—The Christmas number of the Philadelphia Times issued last Sunday surpasses anything in the newspaper line that has come to our desk. The illustrations were fine and the reading matter had been selected with great care.

—About 4,500 brook trout, ranging in length from 1½ to 5 inches, were deposited in the adjacent streams last Monday. If allowed to remain undisturbed for about three years we would have fine sport trout fishing in these waters.

—There was a surprise party at the residence of A. J. Parker last Friday evening. The occasion was "Jack's" birthday and an enjoyable time was had. According to the kind contributor of this item, "Jack was 61 and got a lickin'."

—At a tea Saturday afternoon last Mrs. Byron D. Hamlin announced the engagement of her grand-daughter, Miss Harriet Redfield to Mr. Mellville M. Gillett of Olean, N. Y., now in Alabama as an engineer in the U. S. Geological Survey.

—Dr. H. L. McCoy and family will give a concert at the opera house Monday evening, Dec. 27, for the benefit of Mrs. Kittredge. It is hoped that all of the many friends of this estimable lady will attend this concert as they are assured of hearing something fine in the musical line.

—The MINER received of Mrs. F. A. Warner of Jacksonville, Fla., quite a collection of sea shells from the southern coast, besides a fine piece of coral. The package also contained a couple of Easter lily bulbs. Mrs. Warner has a large collection of these beautiful shells for sale at reasonable prices.

—In the six day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden in New York City last week, Miller won the race with a record of 2093 miles and 4 laps; Rice, second, 2026 miles, 5 laps; Schenner, third, 2,000 miles, 7 laps. There were 14 others in the race at the finish, the lowest having a record of 1495 miles and 4 laps.

—One of our citizens had occasion to feel rather embarrassed in Bradford on Saturday last. He went into a well-known clothing establishment to purchase an umbrella. After making his purchase he started to go out but was called back by the merchant who asked him if he was not Rev. ——. He says this is the second time he has been taken for a minister.

—D. M. Brasted received a dispatch from Minden, Neb., last Saturday morning that his mother, Mrs. Catharine Brasted, had died of pneumonia the night before. Mrs. Brasted was quite well known in Smethport, having visited here about a year, some six years ago. Her sickness must have been short for D. M. Brasted knew nothing of it until he received the telegram. She was about 87 years of age.

—The following were elected officers of the W. R. C. for the ensuing year: President, Helen S. Morrison; S. V. P., J. V. P., Alice Burlingame; Treasurer, Elmina Thamm; Chaplain, Kate L. Wright; Conductor, Judith Pratt; Guard, Mrs. Walker; Installing Officer, Antonette Horton of Corps No. 85; Delegate for Dept. Convention, Rose Peirce; Alternate, Rebecca Kerns; Delegate to Memorial Home, Rose Peirce; Alternate, Rebecca Kerns.

—"The death of Harry McConnell, which transpired this morning," says the Kane Republican of Monday, "was one of the most startling that has ever occurred in this community. A few moments before 6 o'clock his father called him to breakfast. He responded in his usual manner and in a few moments came down and left the house. He had not proceeded fifty feet before he was stricken with apoplexy. He was taken to his home, but life was extinct. Deceased was 28 years of age. He was a young man highly esteemed and very popular. The funeral was held Wednesday."

—Work on the glass plant is being rushed as fast as men and money can make it go. The first fifty feet of the main structure will be raised to-day and the remainder as quickly as possible thereafter. Two cars of stone are being used daily in the foundations and about all the carpenters that can get around the frame are employed on the woodwork. The raising of the first section of the structure will give an opportunity to proceed with the erection of the tanks and other interior apparatus and materially assist in pushing operations toward the time when the blowing of glass will begin.—Hazelhurst cor. in Mt. Jewett Herald.

To the Public.

The loss of my livery barn by fire makes it impossible for me to make my patrons quite as comfortable as heretofore, but am able to supply anything in the way of rigs and double carriages very promptly. My office is located in the Backus block directly opposite the court house, where I would be pleased to have my patrons make their headquarters and I solicit a continuance of your patronage. As quick as circumstances will permit I will provide suitable quarters to care for the transient trade.

Very Respectfully,
50-3t A. T. PALMER.

Saturday Morning's Fire.

The sound of the fire whistle awoke the people of this place at about 3:45 o'clock Saturday morning. The paint shop of Chas. Olmsted situated back of Masser's blacksmith shop on Water street was discovered to be burning fiercely.

The hose company was quickly on the scene, but the fire spread so rapidly that they were unable to stop it and in a few minutes Masser's shop and Thos. Purtle's large manufacturing establishment were also in flames. Willing hands tried to save some of the contents of these building, but the heat was so intense that it was almost immpossible and not much of anything was saved.

The hose company and citizens made a noble effort to stop the fire at the Purtle building, but the wind was against them and soon Palmer's livery barn was burning. However, Mr. Palmer saved all of his stock except the hay that was stored in the loft. A large quantity of baled hay that was stored in a shed adjoining the stable was saved although damaged by fire and water.

After it was seen that Palmer's barn could not be saved, fears were expressed that the barn owned by W. D. Gallup and the Pierce House would also be destroyed, but hard work and a fortunate change of the wind stopped the fire at the sheds adjoining Palmer's barn.

The two residences belonging to R. Sartwell across the street from the fire were on fire a dozen times and only by the hardest kind of work were they saved. The high wind that was blowing carried the sparks for great distances and a number of buildings, among them Backus' barn, the Baptist church and parsonage, Democrat office and Chautauqua House were on fire at different times but fortunately were discovered before any headway was gained.

Wm. Masser had $1,000 insurance on his building but nothing on tools and fixtures. He has made arrangements for the erection of a shop on the lot adjoining the ruins of his former establishment.

A. T. Palmer's loss on barn is $2,500, on which there was $1,000 insurance. On his personal property he sustained a loss of about $850, on which there was $500 insurance.

T. H. Purtle's loss on shop, residence machinery, household goods and wearing apparel is $11,500, on which he had $5,000 insurance.

Harry Johnson, who lived on the second floor of the Masser building lost nearly all his household goods. He estimates his loss at $300, no insurance.

SPARKS.

As usual there were a dozen people who "were the first one there," but Bert Kidder proves his title the most clearly of any of them for he gave the first alarm.

"Trilby," little Marie Purtle's pet pug, perished in the flames.

A poor little cat was rescued from the flames with every vestige of hair burned from its body. Alex Clark came gallantly forward and put the poor animal out of its misery.

Mr. Purtle and Mr. Palmer expect to re build as soon as the proper arrangements can be completed.

W. D. Gallup presented the hose boys with a check for $25 for saving his barn, which adjoined the burned section.

Death of J. L. Brown.

J. L. Brown died at Wilcox last Saturday morning, aged 63 years. He was born at Fort Brewerton, Onondaga Co., N. Y., June 25, 1834, and came with his parents to McKean (now Elk) county in March 1838. He attended at the common schools and finished at the Smethport academy. At the age of 18 years he chose the profession of surveyor, at which he became very proficient, and many a tangle that was caused by incompetent work done in 1794 by the early surveyors he had been able to unravel by his skill and perseverance.

In 1862 he enlisted in the 185th N. Y. Volunteers and served to the close. After the war he returned to Elk county and located at Wilcox, where he has resided ever since. He was elected to the State legislature in 1882. Since that time he has been extensively engaged in the lumber business and banking, in both of which he was very successful.

He was a brother of Col. W. W. Brown, now auditor in the War Department, and Isaac B. Brown, Deputy Secretary of Internal Affairs at Harrisburg. Deceased was a warm personal friend of our esteemed townsman, Judge W. S. Brownell, and Col. A. I. Wilcox of Hackensack, N. J. In fact they were like three brothers, linked together by the association of many years of close intercourse in business and social relations, and the two remaining will miss and mourn their departed friend.

Hymenial.

The following clipped from the Public Spirit of Clearfield, Pa., will be of interest to many of our readers:

A very pretty home wedding was celebrated at the home of Mrs. Effie Owens on Cherry street, Wednesday evening. The contracting parties were Mr. Dwight E. Waller and Miss Sadie A. Douglass, sister of Mrs. Owens. The beautiful wedding service of the M. E. church was used and Rev. A. S. Baldwin pronounced the words that made them man and wife in the presence of a large number of invited guests. Misses Frances Douglass, sister of the bride, and Clara Livingston were the bridesmaids, and Messrs. Geo. Gearheart and Wilbur Livingston acted as groomsmen. After the ceremony and congratulations an elegant wedding supper was served. A large number of valuable and handsome presents were received.

The happy couple are well and most favorably known in Clearfield. The groom is one of the efficient clerks in Owens & Douglass' grocery store and is a popular young man. His bride is a handsome and accomplished young lady, highly respected by all who know her. The Spirit joins with their host of friends in wishing them long life and happiness.

Among the guests from out of town were Mrs. E. F. Waller, mother of the groom, and Misses Sloan and Loop of Eldred, Mrs. and Miss Taylor of Olean, Miss Canfield of DuBois and Mrs. Bickford of Jersey Shore.

Local Institute.

Several teachers of Keating township met last Saturday afternoon at the East Smethport school house to hold their local institute, regardless of mud and rain. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Miss Mary Mullin, and the following short but interesting programme rendered:

Geography	Hattie Fraley.
Moral Training	Jessie Stilwell.
"How" and "Why" in Teaching	Millie Pattison.
When is the time to begin teaching young pupils Arithmetic, History and Geography	A. J. Holmes.
Teachers' Reading Circle	Marie E. Tretton.

Other subjects were discussed and a very pleasant and profitable afternoon was spent. Sup't Myers was present and took part in each discussion, which helped to make the meeting a success. One of the directors, Jas. Quirk, was present and made a few remarks. It is regretted that the other five were absent, for there was such a demand for flags, bells, pencil sharpeners, etc., it is feared that all will not be remembered.

It is hoped that the local institute will be held each year in this township and that more of the teachers will be interested.

When in Olean if you desire a first-class meal for 25 cents call at the Palm Restaurant, 180 Union street.

Do you need a Robe or Blanket. See Lemmler about it at once.

Go to Lemmler's for Robes and Blankets. He can suit you. Prices are right.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Albert Servatius visited [illegible]

Mrs. B. [illegible] visited Bradford [illegible] day.

Stephen Marsh of [illegible] was in town this week.

Hugh Boyd was down from Clermont last Saturday.

Dr. E. Grewer of Bradford attended court this week.

Att'y John Mullin of Kane was in town this week.

E. M. Kerns visited Bradford and Warren Monday.

Mrs. T. A. Morrison visited Bradford Wednesday.

Adrian Sizer of Kane was attending court Wednesday.

J. M. Lerch of Bradford was a guest at the Central Tuesday.

John Beastrum will pay a visit to Sweden in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kerns went to Bradford Saturday last.

Miss Carrie Servatius visited friends in Olean over Sunday.

'Squire C. C. Ward of Port Allegany was at the hub Tuesday.

Geo B. Parker of Gardeau was a guest at the Central Tuesday.

Judge Henry Hamlin departed for Binghamton last Saturday.

G. W. Mitchell transacted business in Bradford last Saturday.

A. Ortman of Eldred was a pleasant caller at this office Monday.

Ira Briggs of Erie came over Monday to report the court minutes.

Mrs. M. M. Coleman of Carthage, N. Y., is visiting friends in town.

Judge Loyal Ward of Bradford was over Monday greeting old friends.

W. L. Burdick and wife of Norwich were guests at the Central Monday.

"Prof." Tod Bailey of Bradford was in attendance at court this week.

A. Simons of Bradford was an interested spectator at court Wednesday.

Mrs. E. E. Chambers visited Bradford on a business mission Wednesday.

Mrs. Geo. Perry of Colegrove was a pleasant caller at this office Monday.

Capt. E. R. Mayo transacted business in Warren and Ridgway last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Welker of Kane were in attendance at court this week.

Hon. H. H. North of Bradford was in town Monday greeting old friends.

J. J. Robarts of Ceres was transacting business at the court house Monday.

Capt. William Dobie of Bradford was a most agreeable caller last Monday.

John Doir and Chas. Oberg of Mt. Jewett were early visitors in town Monday.

Mrs. A. H. Southwick of Bradford is the guest of Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Morrison.

Mrs. John Forrest, Miss Nettie Hamlin and Paul Hamlin visited Buffalo yesterday.

W. B. Smith, a prominent merchant of Kane, was in attendance at court this week.

Mrs. Platner of Kane, a sister of Mary Ellen Lease, is attending court as a witness.

A. G. Phillips of Mt. Jewett and David Howells of Kane attended court this week.

Miss Sophia Hafner of Clermont was a pleasant caller at this office on Saturday last.

W. C. Dickinson, one of the prominent farmers of Norwich, was a pleasant caller on Monday.

'Squire E. R. Nash of Rixford came over Monday to make sure that court started off properly.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rogers of Mt. Jewett were guests of H. M. Choate the first of the week.

J. F. Parson one of Emporium's influential citizens was attending court the first of the week.

H. H. Clayson, assignee in the A. W. Davis estate of Kane, came over Monday to file his report.

Paul Johnston, traveling agent for Johnston & Co., of Harrisburg was a most agreeable caller Wednesday.

W. C. Palmer of Salamanca, N. Y., arrived Monday night and was the guest of his brother, A. T. Palmer.

Mrs. Kate Baker and neice, Miss Blanch Baker, of Larabee were pleasant callers at this office last Wednesday.

Doctors James Johnson and W. J. Russell of Bradford were most agreeable callers at this office Tuesday last.

Geo. Griffiths and R. E. Looker of Kane were in town Monday taking a view of the situation with military precision.

Emil Beastrum of Hazelhurst, who had his right arm broken on Thanksgiving Day, was a most agreeable caller at this office yesterday.

J. F. Olmsted of Binghamton, N. Y., who has been the guest of Dr. H. L. McCoy and family for a couple of weeks returned home last Monday.

Ex-Sheriff A. H. Walker of Bradford autographed at the Wright House Monday. He was serving as juryman this week, and made us a pleasant call.

Mrs. G. A. Stickles of East Smethport and son, A. E. Stickles, attended the funeral of Mrs. Card of Buttville, a sister of Mrs. Stickles, on Monday last.

Last Wednesday F. S. Phelps, editor of the Erie Daily Times, and Chas. Beck, a prominent real estate man of that city were pleasant callers at this office.

John W. Campbell of Kane brightened our sanctum last Wednesday. His smiling countenance is always welcome. He has a promising future before him.

Judge W. S. Brownell, F. W. Brownell and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Specht went to Wilcox Monday morning to attend the funeral of J. L. Brown of that place.

H. F. Bryan of the Era, H. G. James of the Star and J. F. Robinson of the Post were over from Bradford this week as witnesses in the Dr. Grewer case, and were callers.

A. W. Boyd of Sawyer City was a most agreeable caller at this office Wednesday. Mr. Boyd is one of the representative men of that section and an out and out Republican.

H. J. Catten, agent for the Pittsburg Times, was a most agreeable caller yesterday. Right here it is proper to say that the Times is one of the most popular dailies that comes to our desk.

G. A. French of Dunkirk, agent for the celebrated "American Gentleman" and "Solomon Isaac" cigars manufactured by Geo P. Isham of Erie was a most agreeable caller at this office Tuesday. See their adv. in another column.

Auction.

I will sell at auction at my camp near Hazelhurst, Pa., on *Dec. 28, 1897*, all my lumbering outfit, consisting of 8 heavy work horses, 3 wagons, sleighs, harness, blankets, chains, etc.; also one driving horse, buggy, cutter, robes, etc.; also one complete blacksmithing outfit, including drill machine, one new standard screw plate, etc.; also all household furniture, dishes, stoves, beds, etc., for camp accommodating 30 men. This is one of the most complete lumbering outfits in this section of the country and anyone needing a horse or anything in that line can get it cheap. On Tuesday, Dec. 28.

JOHN BEASTROM,
Dec. 16, 1897.

Card of Thanks.

To everyone who assisted:

I desire to express to you my thanks and heartfelt gratitude for the timely and vigorous assistance rendered in saving my horses, carriages and stock of goods at the fire at my livery barn last Saturday morning. Your efficient efforts saved a large amount of valuable property. If I could take each one by the hand and tell you how much I appreciate your services I would gladly do so.

Very Respectfully Yours,
A. T. PALMER.

Ballard's Snow Liniment will Cure Neuralgia. It will also cure lame back, sore throat, wounds, sprains, bruises, cuts, old sores. Ladies, it will cure your backache. Sold by Chadwick's drug store.

Have you seen "Solomon Isaacs?"
An awful fine cigar—"Solomon Isaacs."
Five cents will buy a "Solomon Isaacs."
Don't fail to get a "Solomon Isaacs" cigar.

Are you contemplating buying a Piano or Organ? Drop us a postal for free catalogue and lowest prices ever offered.

C. WILLARD & CO.,
46-tf Olean, N. Y.

Come early if you want pictures for Christmas. Don't wait for [illegible]. Can make good pictures [illegible] days. Place your orders early. [illegible]

Lemmler has the best Robes and Blankets. Let him show them and quote you prices.

A Christmas Present

And another to get what you want. The following are some of the many handsome things you can select from and in which our line for Xmas is complete:

SMOKING JACKETS from $5.00 to $15.00
BATH ROBES " 5.00 " 14.00
DENT'S and ALDER'S GLOVES from $1.50 to $2.50 Pair
EARL & WILSON'S COLLARS and CUFFS " 2.75 " 4.00 Doz.
FANCY SUSPENDERS from 75c to $2.50 Pair
MONARCH SHIRTS " $1.00 " 2.00
NECKWEAR IN ANY SHAPE, PRICE OR FORM
BOY'S KID GLOVES
GANS' FAMOUS UMBRELLS—Born in Baltimore and raised everywhere
HOSIERY IN ANY DESCRIPTION from 25c to 50c Pair
LINEN AND SILK HANDKERCHIEFS A SPECIALTY.

In fact we can show you anything in ***Gents Furnishings.***

No old but all new goods. Kindly soliciting your patronage, mail reaches me at 53 Fraley St., and don't forget the number.

Kane, Pa. Bell, The Hatter and Furnisher.

Court Minutes.

The regular term of criminal court convened last Monday at 2 p. m., Judge Morrison on the bench. The grand jury was called and sworn in and Monroe Hall of Foster township appointed foreman; F. R. King of Ceres, constable, to attend the same. Most of the afternoon was taken up in making motions.

GRAND JURY FINDINGS.

The following Commonwealth cases were acted upon by the grand jury:

William Morris, larceny; not a true bill.

J. E. Beck, practicing medicine without a license; not a true bill.

Eva Yompolski, receiving stolen goods; a true bill.

Miles Rockwell and Mike Flannigan; larceny; a true bill.

David Lovitz, receiving stolen goods; a true bill.

Joseph Yompolski, receiving stolen goods; a true bill.

Arthur E. Hurley, Bay State Hotel, Bradford, selling liquor to minors; not a true bill and county pay costs.

Sam Kelly, larceny; a true bill.

Joe Mack, Frank Whitney, Ralph Rockwell, Zemie Delaire and Bert Seeley, larceny; a true bill in each case.

The following cases were disposed of:

Tuesday morning the case of the Com. vs Alderman Egbert was called up. The doughty Alderman was arrested and tried on the charge of assault and battery on Mrs. David of Bradford. Jury returned verdict of guilty in manner and form indicted.

Mary G. Brown vs Taylor Brown; subpœna in divorce granted.

Minnie O. Wood vs Chas. L. Wood; motion for the appointment of E. E. Tait to take evidence granted.

Alvira Cobb vs James H. Cobb; W. B. Chapman appointed commissioner to take testimony.

Isabelle Raymond vs Charles J. Raymond; motion for appointment of E. E. Tait to take evidence awarded.

Frances Mae DeGolier vs Miles A. DeGolier; subpœna awarded.

Hiram W. Burlingame vs Martha J. Burlingame; Sheridan Gorton appointed to take evidence.

Elizabeth J. Thomas vs William H. Thomas; W. B. Chapman appointed to take evidence.

Elmer E. Vernhault vs Edith V. Vernhault; subpœna in divorce awarded.

Eliza Lavens vs James E. Blair estate; motion for judgment granted.

Use of J. Howard, burgess, vs R. B. Corey; motion for leave to confess judgment on note granted.

The court appointed Fanny B. Rafee guardian of Viola C. and Mary C. Fowler.

Adam, Meldrum & Co. vs D. O'Donnell; rule to show cause why an issue should not be granted and framed returnable January 4, 1898.

W. R. Hyde vs Olean Hardwood Co.; memoranda of continuance filed.

B. O. Stanwood vs Nicols & McClintock; rule to show cause why the sheriff should not pay money into court returnable at next argument court. Granted.

Use of M. B. McManus vs W. Allshouse; motion for judgement granted.

T. H. Kennedy, assignee, vs W. M. Lewis et. al.; motion for judgment granted.

Finnessy Bros. vs J. M. Irwin; motion for judgment granted.

The case of the Commonwealth vs J. G Hagbloom was continued until the February term. The defendant furnished bail in the sum of $500 for his appearance.

The court approved the report of the viewers on a road in Keating, Eldred and Annin townships.

In the matter of the estate of John C. Holmes, deceased, opinion of the court on exceptions of widow's appraisement, filed.

The court granted a motion to amend the name of the minors in the matter of the appointment of a guardian for Lewis Day.

The viewers appointed by the court to assess cost and expense of building bridge over P. & E. tracks at Kane filed their report. Viewers reported favorably on building of bridge, but thought cost to be greater than the borough could stand. County is asked to build bridge. Matter was referred to the grand jury.

Case of Com. vs C. D. Seaman, continued: Defendant furnished bail in sum of $700 for his appearance at February term.

Grand jury examined county jail Wednesday and recommended that county commissioners have jail remodeled, old cells taken out and replaced with steel cages, cost not to exceed $10,000.

In jail breaking cases grand jury returned true bills against Lambert Wagner, Jake Ganzel and Jerry Robinson. A true bill was found against Eva Keck of White Chapel fame.

At the opening of court Tuesday morning Att'ys P. R. Cotter and T. F. Mullin presented a petition to quash the venire for this term, citing for reason that criminal court was being held in McKean and Potter counties at same time and they had cases for trial in both counties. Another reason given for desiring to suspend proceedings was that the time of holding the court in McKean county was not advertised as required by law. The judge overruled the petition. Mullin and Cotter have filed exceptions.

Com. vs Homer Rumsey, assault and battery; the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

Com. vs Jake Stickles, larceny by bailee; not guilty, prosecutor James Stanton pay costs.

Com. vs Dr. E. Grewer, charged with practicing medicine as an itinerant physician; not guilty but pay half the costs and the prosecutor the other half.

The grand jury finished their labors yesterday forenoon and were discharged.

Jury in Hirsch rape case disagreed.

The undersigned will start a milk route in Smethport Wednesday morning, Dec. 1. Milk tickets can be obtained at the stores of A. B. Armstrong & Co., and H. C. Walls.

[illegible] DODGE & SHEPHERD.

N. W. Daly has the [illegible] [illegible]

The house on [illegible] [illegible] to rent. Call on L. Kasel, Water Street.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BRADFORD.

J. Edward Drew, a well-known resident of the city, died at his home at No. 63 School street Sunday evening of diphtheria. Deceased was taken ill only last week. Mr. Drew was a Christian scientist and did not call a physician, but their pastor, Rev. Cox of the Free Methodist church, called and administered spiritual treatment to the man. Health Officer Franklin heard of the case and called at the house, ordering them to send for a physician, which, after much parleying they did. Dr. Nichols was called but the disease was in such an advanced stage that it was impossible to check its ravages. Deceased was aged 31 years and is survived by a widow and one child. The remains were privately buried in Oak Hill cemetery Monday morning. The two-year-old child is very ill with diphtheritic croup.

"Cuba Libre" was the subject for discussion by the Pompelon Club Saturday evening. Prof. E. E. Miller of the public schools opened the debate by a review of the past and present aspects of the Cuban struggle for independence. He agrees with President McKinley that it would be inexpedient to recognize their belligerency. Eugene Mullin took the other side of the question and advocated the cause of the Cubans in a very able appeal. Mr. Dean and Rev. M. H. Houghton were also of the opinion that the United States should aid the Cubans. Attorney McClure and Rabbi Reynolds took the conservative side. An effort will be made to secure larger quarters for the club, which is already enlarging its membership.

Little Strong Dagner was arrested on Thursday of last week on a warrant issued at the instance of Erz & Joseph, charging her with obtaining goods under false pretenses. Mrs. Dagner took two pairs of shoes from the store named on approval and liked them so well that she left town with them and entirely forgot to pay for them. On her return to the city she was arrested as stated. At the hearing Friday morning she pleaded guilty as charged and asked to be given until 4 o'clock Saturday to raise the price of the shoes and costs amounting in all to $7.35. She was released on her own recognizance, but failed to appear at the appointed time. She was unable to raise the money and left town.

Ed. Croals, a former Bradford boy, was visiting friends in the city last week. His home is in St. Louis and he came here via a freight train on the Lake Shore railroad. On his way he was assaulted in a box car by three tramps who robbed him of his money, overcoat, coat, vest and hat, and to complete their devilment threw him from the moving train. His escape from death was miraculous. As it was his face and hands were ground full of cinders and he was badly bruised, though no bones were broken. He has no clew as to the identity of his assailants as the car was closed and dark.

A man named Charles Richmond was arrested Saturday evening for disturbing a meeting of the salvation army. Richmond was raising a riot in the army barracks and when one of the soldiers of the cross tried to eject him, became violent. At a hearing before Alderman Barlow Richmond was fined $5 and costs. This is the second man to be arrested for a like offense in a very short time. If a few more examples were made of the rowdies who nightly disturb the salvation service, they might finally be left to their religious worship in peace.

John Eagan of this city was killed at Sugar Run Sunday morning by a W. N. Y. & P. freight train. Eagan was filling switch lamps at Sugar Run and left his oil can standing on the track. Seeing an approaching train he reached for the can but was struck on the head by the pilot beam and thrown quite a distance. He was taken to Kinzua where he died at 10:45 a. m. The remains were brought to this city and buried in St. Bernard's cemetery Tuesday morning. Deceased was well known in this city and is survived by two sisters, Maggie and Annie.

A number of councilmen and stockholders in the two electric street railways in the city held a session here yesterday. The Bradford street railway has been asked to finish their line on Jackson avenue to the east end Erie depot, and the O., B. C. & B. road was asked to pay the city indemnity for the privilege of running its cars on Main and east Main street. Quicker and better service was also asked. The subject of vestibules was not discussed.

There is at present in the city a spirited discussion going on as to whether or no the Bradford School Board is a legally constituted body. The 41st section of the Act of Assembly of 1874, in pursuance of which school directors of the city have been elected for many years past, has been declared unconstitutional and that the only law in force in Pennsylvania under which school directors can be elected is that of 1854.

The fourth annual ball of the Bradford High School will be given at Exchange Lyceum Thursday evening, Dec. 23. Jamison's orchestra will furnish the music and the affair will be conducted by the following committees: Arrangements, Fred Elliot, Roy Clarke, Gustine Cable; Reception, L. H. Simons, Victor H. Oxley and Arthur E. Hurley.

Robert Madigan, John Dugan, Frank Keelan and Mike Mack, who were arrested last week for disturbing a dance given by the Maple Leaf club, were given a hearing before Justice Barlow Friday. Dugan and Madigan were discharged and Keelan and Mack fined $5 and costs or 10 days in the lockup. They are serving the time.

The tannery football team of Limestone came to Bradford Saturday afternoon prepared to play with a scrub team that called itself the Y. M. C. A. eleven. This name was objected to by Secretary Crowell of the Y. M. C. A. and the game was finally declared off after a hot debate.

The winter promises to be a hard one to the poor of the city. Numbers of men are idle and their families destitute. Ensign Trewick of the Salvation Army is preparing to give a Christmas dinner to 500 deserving poor at the Army barracks in the public [illegible]

[illegible] meeting of business men was [illegible] Association [illegible] the membership of the board of trade.

Daniel George and Thomas Camp have withdrawn from the DuBois Window Glass Factory and will endeavor to locate a plant here. They ask for cheap fuel but are finding it a hard matter to get concessions from the gas companies.

"Cap" Powers, a barber of this city who has wrestling propensities, is trying to arrange a match with Robert Beakes, the strangle hold and double Nelson to be barred. The match will probably come off in this city.

Mrs. O. S. James of south Mechanic street will leave soon for Peru, South America, where she will join her husband who has been in that country a year. He is an employee of the London & Pacific Petroleum company.

A physical culture class for business and professional men was organized at the Y. M. C. A. last week which promises to be a great success. The class meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 5 o'clock.

An open meeting of Bradford Trades Assembly was held at their lodge room in the Smith block Wednesday of this week. At the meeting the Carpenters and Joiners' Union was organized.

At the Wagner Tuesday evening Joe Murphy entertained a large audience in the old stand-by, "Kerry Gow." The farce comedy, "Town Topics," was the bill for Thursday evening.

The railroads of this city are at present extremely busy. The Erie has sent for an extra crew to handle freight, and the increase of business on the B., R. & P. is noticeable.

Hon. A. F. Bannon has returned from Washington, D. C., where has been on a short visit. He was accompanied by Judge Morrison and Prothonotary Mitchell.

Bradford will have no basket ball team. Company C is prepared to put a team in the field, but there is no place in Bradford where the game can be played.

The O. F. Spencer band are holding a fair at the East End opera house this week. Dancing is a feature of the evening's entertainment.

D. F. Moriarity, the hatter, fell on an icy sidewalk on Kennedy street one day last week and fractured a bone in his right leg.

The milkmen of the city are forming an association for mutual protection from outside competitors and inside delinquents.

The pupils of Mrs. Lockard and Miss Seyfang will give a musical recital at the church of Eternal Hope to-day.

There is a movement on foot to have a free kindergarten established in our public school.

Bradford is at present almost as enthusiastic over bowling as it was over football.

Lottie Suttel of 120 Davis street is ill with diphtheria.

CLERMONT.

"Silverine" Johnson was brought before Judge Steinhauer the other day on the charge of malicious mischief. He had too much Clermont bug juice on board and started for home. When at L. Bayer's farm he was of the opinion that the wire fence enclosing the same was in the center of the highway and at once commenced tearing it down. When arraigned before the Justice he made things right by paying the plaintiff $20, whereupon the suit was withdrawn.

The men are unable to work in the Lyman mines on account of the water, although the steam pump is kept going night and day. They have purchased a new pump and expect to get the water out in a few days, so that the men can resume work. About 30 hands are idle on account of the water.

Our school board is now trying to solve a conundrum. They have been called upon to reopen the Wernwag school, and, with their finances way below par, they find it a very unpleasant undertaking. The life of a school director is not always sunshine.

Why does not some good plumber locate in Clermont? It would be of great convenience, as persons who desire to have work done have to go out of town or do their own plumbing.

Skip Barbour has moved into F. H. Reed's house, lately vacated by Albert Swanson, who has moved his family to Bloomster hollow.

L. Bayer is still confined to his room. He does not improve in health and strength as fast as his friends desire.

RIDERVILLE.

On account of quarterly meeting being held at Mt. Alton, there was no preaching at the regular hour in this place Sunday, but a large congregation was present in the evening. The services were conducted by Rev. William Tubbs.

Carl Beers experienced quite a misfortune last week while trying to remove the head of a match from the tube of a shot gun. It was discharged and badly disfigured his face with powder, injuring the sight of one eye.

The boys are preparing a fine skating place. Perhaps they won't "ent any fee," but that depends on the weather.

Bennie Taylor and Will Crites drove to Turtle Point Wednesday to see Jas. Taylor's well shot.

C. D. Crites of Ormsby was visiting his parents in this place over Sunday.

Benj. Taylor of Turtle Point was here on business Friday.

Miss Anna Simpson was visiting in Bradford last week.

Mrs. J. Simpson was in Bradford on business Saturday.

W. J. Lee was in Mt. Jewett three days last week.

J. C. Duell went to Turtle Point Saturday.

Mrs. Boys went to Bradford Saturday.

William Briggs is on the sick list.

ANNIN CREEK.

Turtle Point bids fair to be an oil town in the near future. The Taylor well in that place was shot last Wednesday and Saturday, while the tubing was being put in, it is reported to have flowed. The people of Annin Creek are watching the proceedings with interest.

Do not fail to attend the Farmers' Institute at Smethport Dec. 20 and 21. Good speakers have been engaged and a most interesting session is promised.

Milo Evans went to Norwich last week with his uncle, Henry Evans, who was over here after sheep.

Farmers ought not to complain if they do not get their plowing done this fall.

Raymond Hodges of Olean is visiting his brother, J. S., of this place.

E. C. Cooper and wife are down from Kian on a visit in this vicinity.

S. R. Sloat and wife of Eleven-Mile were in town Saturday.

Frank Holcomb of Franklinville is in town at this writing.

Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says, "My child is worth millions to me, yet I would have lost her by croup had I not invested twenty five cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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Dec 14, 1897. **Smethport, Pa.**

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Ah, then, indeed, our hearts were light,

And, like the summer flowers,

[illegible]

[illegible] April showers.

[illegible]

My thoughts were all on one who was

My sweetheart—my own.

I only knew I clasped thy form

[illegible]

I looked and the [illegible] voice,

[illegible]

—[illegible] in New York Ledger.

A YOUNG DIPLOMAT.

The grandest sometimes unbend, and the botanical gardens were, for one afternoon, throwing off their usual reserve. Ordinary folk had only to come across Regent's park from Chester gate and present a card at the entrance to the gardens, and the bowler hatted old gentleman at the gate welcomed them as though they were most important members. Miss Llewellyn and Master Kenneth Waller, her friend, walked on the grass in the direction of music.

"Anybody you know here, Miss Llewellyn?"

"I don't suppose so, Kenneth."

"You don't know many people, do you, Miss Llewellyn?"

"Very few."

"Wonder at that," said the small boy, "because you're not bad looking, you know. Did you use to come here when you were well off? Do they sell lemonade here?"

"Seems possible. You think that everybody ought to have plenty of friends?"

"Plenty of friends," said Kenneth wisely, "but one in particular. Wonder how old you are?"

"That," said the young woman good temperedly, "that is the only question, Kenneth, that you must never put to a lady."

"I should guess," he said critically as they sat down in the low chairs near the refreshment tent and watched the people, "that you were about 24." Miss Llewellyn gave a quaint gesture of horror. "Well, 26 then. Fancy!" The small boy whistled amazedly. "Twenty-five and not married yet."

"Young man," said Miss Llewellyn, flushing and affecting a tone of grave severity, "I find your conversation much too personal. You would like lemonade, I think, and two pieces of cake."

The scarlet coated band perched on seats near the glass house, with a crowd of smartly dressed folk in front of them, started a cheerful selection from a comic opera. Miss Llewellyn, a composed young woman in an ordinary way, as young women are who work for their living, found herself in quite a delightful mood. Music can do much when it tries.

"Of course," said her candid guest, with cake at his mouth, "I don't mean to say that you mightn't get married even now. I had an aunt once who was close upon 30 before she could get any one to look at her."

"The instance is encouraging, Kenneth. Don't eat too fast, mind."

"Still," said the youth wisely, "if I were a girl I should be jolly careful not to miss a good opportunity. Are those orchids they're carrying there? Hasn't that chap got a brown face who's telling the men where to take them? Seem to have seen him somewhere before. Shouldn't like to be an orchid, should you, Miss Llewellyn? Why, you'd have to grow out in South America and people would have fearful trouble to find you and risk their lives—hello, brown faced chap's coming this way!"

Miss Llewellyn looked up and then looked down again quickly, and for a moment her face went rather white. Her hand trembled as she held it out.

"Mr. Bradley," she said. "How do you do? I did not expect to see you here."

"I did not expect to see you again anywhere," he said.

There was the pause that comes after the banalities of greeting. Master Waller, not having spoken for quite half a minute, felt that he was in some danger of being overlooked, and coughed.

"This is my little friend, Kenneth Waller," she said. "Kenneth, this is Mr. Bradley."

"What's the matter with your face?" asked the small boy. "Have you been abroad?"

Mr. Bradley placed a broad fist on that round iron table and leaned down toward Master Waller good naturedly. He seemed as confused at the meeting as Miss Llewellyn, and as unprepared with conversation.

"I have been abroad, young man. I've been hunting orchids."

"Are you home for good now?" asked Kenneth.

Miss Llewellyn gripped the parasol that rested in her lap with both hands.

"I can't do any good at home," said Mr. Bradley. "I am off again to South America in a day or two."

"Why don't you stay in London?"

"Nobody asks me to stay."

"Should have thought," said Master Waller, "that you could have got somebody to do that. Have you any foreign postage stamps about you?"

Friendship between the two gentlemen was cemented and made permanent by the production of several foreign stamps and an envelope to place them in. People were coming up to the refreshment tent now, the band having decided to rest for half an hour and recover breath, and Master Waller invited Mr. Bradley to take his chair.

"You don't mind?" asked Bradley of Miss Llewellyn.

"Not at all," she said politely.

"May I smoke?"

"Let me strike the match," interposed Master Waller. "I'm awfully good at that. And tell us some of your adventures."

"They wouldn't interest Miss Llewellyn."

"Girls don't count," said Master Waller. "Tell me. Make it one where you nearly lost your life."

In 10 or 15 minutes more they were settled, the small boy seated on Bradley's knee and staring at him with open mouthed astonishment. Miss Llewellyn, her head bowed, studied the band programme in apparently a laborious search for the misprints that a musical programme always offers. Bradley told the story well, without obtruding his own share in the adventure, and when he had finished [illegible] the small boy [illegible] to bring him back from South America to Regent's park.

"And is that story true?" asked the small boy suspiciously.

"It has that drawback, youngster."

"Well," said Master Waller, "I'm a man that's awfully fond of adventure, but I shouldn't care for that. What did you think of when that fierce animal was waiting to spring upon you?"

"[illegible]"

"[illegible]," said Master Waller. "[illegible], Miss Llewellyn?"

She shook her head and again became interested in the band programme. Bradley looked at her and waited for her to speak, but she made no sign. [illegible] at times be tolerable [illegible], but for impatient [illegible] Master Waller is [illegible]

[illegible] chance of seeing those [illegible]" asked the youth. [illegible] to hang about to any [illegible] just get a sight of [illegible]

[illegible] "Miss Llewellyn likes being alone."

"I think I will stay here," she said.

"We shall be back in ten minutes," said Bradley.

Master Waller had to trot to keep up with the long strides of his new friend, but he did not mind this because he felt a kind of reflected glory in being accompanied by the man who had brought home some of the rarest of the amazing specimens in the crowded tent.

"Girls are a nuisance, aren't they?" said Master Waller, looking up confidentially.

"Sometimes," said Bradley.

"She isn't so tiresome, though, as some."

"I think I agree with you there."

"Works awfully hard—too hard, my mamma says."

"No necessity for that surely," said Bradley rather sharply.

"But Miss Llewellyn has to live," urged the small boy. "My mamma says that she was well off for a year or two before her father died, but since that"—

"Her father dead?"

"Here, I say," said Master Waller. "Don't grip a man's shoulder like that."

"Sorry!"

"They come into money, so my mamma says, a few years ago"—

"I remember that."

"And then Miss Llewellyn's governor put all into something, and it never came out again. That's why she has to manage the calisthenic school that I go to. And I say. Can you touch your toes with the tips of your fingers without"—

"Where does she live now?" Mr. Bradley seemed excited.

"In rooms," replied Master Waller volubly. "I've been there to tea along with my sisters. (That's a fine orchid there. You can't see it now. A girl's hat's in the way.) And Miss Llewellyn's got awfully nice furniture and photographs, and"— Master Waller slapped his knee suddenly. "I remember now where I've seen your face before, Mr. Bradley. Only without the short beard."

"Come outside," said Bradley, "and tell me."

They made their way through the crowd and reached the exit. Bradley held his breath and bent to hear the small boy's reply.

"On her dressing table," whispered Master Waller confidentially, "in the beautifullest frame you ever saw, and—Where are you going?"

"Back to Miss Llewellyn," cried Bradley.

"Well, but," said Master Waller protestingly, "wait for me."

Bradley did not obey the young man. He strode across the lawn, past the band, which was playing a quick march that was not quick enough to keep pace with him. Before Master Waller found the two there had been a swift exchange of low sentences that altered their views of the world and made them both think of it as a place where happiness is to be found.

"And why did you refuse me before, dear?"

"Because all my people pressed me to accept you," said Miss Llewellyn.

"The excuse of a very obstinate young woman."

"Why did you—why did you not ask me again?" she demanded.

"Because," said Bradley, "it was just then that your father came into that money."

"The excuse of a very independent man," said Miss Llewellyn, touching with pretty affection the big hand that rested on the round table. "When—when is it that you leave for South America?"

"Not until you tell me to go, dear," he said promptly.

"Here, I say," cried Master Waller, arriving after some difficulty, "you two, don't lose sight of me, mind! Miss Llewellyn, have I been a good boy?"

"I've a great mind to kiss you, Kenneth," she said.

"Rather have some more lemonade."

"As Kenneth declines your suggestion," said Bradley, signaling to a waiter, "may I venture to submit myself"—

"Hush!" said Miss Llewellyn.—Woman at Home.

The Magnificence of Queen Bess.

Was Queen Elizabeth shrewish, and was she beautiful? She had long passed her prime when she still flirted and ogled and, antiquated pedant that she was, talked Latin to a Polish embassador. In noticing the bishop of Peterborough's "Queen Elizabeth" The Quarterly Review thus describes the elegances of her times:

"The royal beds were covered with quilts of silk or velvet, shining with gold and silver work or embroidered counterpanes lined with ermine, surmounted by crimson testers or canopies 'most richly ornamented with pearl.' Italian, French and English books were to be had with illustrations of patterns and devices for silk, crewel and lace work. The ladies were adepts in the use of the needle, and many specimens of work of the Tudor period which have come down to us are of the highest order of excellence. Queen Elizabeth and the Countess of Pembroke were noted for their skill in needlework. Among the populace 'straw pallets,' writes Harrison, 'covered onelie with a sheet, under coverlets made of dagswain and a good round log under their heads instead of a bolster,' gave place to mattresses of flock, beds and pillows, which previously 'were thought meet onelie for women in childbed.' Farmers were enabled to buy feather beds and cover them with tapestry. Pewter was taking the place of 'treene platters,' and wooden spoons were being replaced by silver or tin. Glasses became, as Falstaff put it, 'the only drinking,' and Harrison notes the rage among the upper classes for vessels of Venetian glass."

Barnes Tormer—Every seat was taken at our last performance.

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VARIOUS FODDER CROPS.

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In a Vermont station report J. L. Hills gives a record of the growth, yield and composition of the following crops grown on experimental plats: Japanese millet, Hungarian millet, cowpea, soja bean, flat pea, vetch and oats, Bokhara clover, crimson clover, alsike clover, white clover, wild vetch, oats and peas. The yield of nutrients is calculated for each crop. Here appended are such brief extracts from this report as limited space permits:

The (cow) peas were planted in early June (to avoid the possibilities of early frosts) and harvested Oct. 1, the tops being just barely touched by frost. Seed was well formed, but not ripened, on the Extra Early and Calico varieties. These two varieties also made the best growth and richest fodder. Judging from but a single year's experience, the cowpeas presented no advantage over soja beans except that of growing, in two cases, slightly richer fodder. The yield of dry matter was at best less than half, and the yield of protein less than two-thirds that given on the soja bean plats. The latter crop grew with as little attention, was harvested with greater ease and is well relished by cattle.

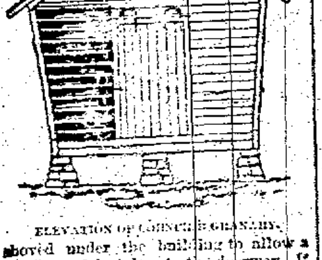
The first year's growth of flat pea (Lathyrus sylvestris) was spindling, as is always the case. The second year's crop produced at the rate of 6¾ tons of green fodder, 1¾ tons of dry matter and nearly half a ton of crude protein per acre. The third year's (1896) crop was quite as large as was its predecessor. It has not always commended itself to feeders, and further experience with it must be obtained before unqualified approval should be given. It analyzed higher in protein than any other of the experimental crops grown during 1895.

These crops have been grown on the station farm for several years experimentally and have usually given good satisfaction. In the present cases yields have been obtained at the rate of from 7¼ to 10½ tons of green fodder, from 2 to 3 tons of dry matter and from 500 to 850 pounds of protein per acre. We have not, however, seen wherein vetches and oats are superior to peas and oats, of which greater tonnages can usually be grown in the same time and at no greater expense.

Crimson clover, when sown in the spring, does well in Vermont. Several plats sown in the summer, which went under the snow in fine shape, were entirely missing in the spring, not a plant surviving.

Inexpensive Corncrib.

The accompanying sketch from Country Gentleman shows an end elevation of a building, which if built 12 by 30 feet, 8 feet to top of plate, will allow an alley 5 feet in width and give storage capacity at either side for corn and grain. It might be well to carry the slatting across the back end of the building and thus allow for filling in more ear corn should more space be needed. It is suggested that the corncrib be provided with a false bottom, built in sections to be taken out as the corn is removed, for this will allow circulation of air under the corn. Steps may be provided which will pull out and drop down into place or may be raised or shoved under the building to allow a wagon to drive close to the doorway. If in building you use several tiers, a light scaffolding placed upon them would enable you to store away many empty crates and the like, which might take considerable space and yet are light.



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The San Jose Scale.

The San Jose scale has found its way into eastern orchards. Professor Smith of the New Jersey station suggests this plan of treatment: Spray thoroughly in September all infested bearing apple, pear, plum and peach trees with undiluted kerosene during the middle of a clear, sunshiny day. By "undiluted kerosene" is meant the ordinary fluid used in lamps—just as it is purchased. The finest possible spray is to be used, and every part of the tree should be wet.

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It was evident that he was not only pretty well satisfied with himself, but that he didn't care who knew it.

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"I don't see how you did it," suggested the man who knew nothing except that the husband with a title was ordinarily quoted at a pretty stiff figure.

"Oh, it's easy when you know how," replied the self satisfied man. "So far as I am concerned I would have preferred to marry the girls to enterprising young Americans with no titles, but their mother insisted upon getting them something more fashionable, and when their mother insists I have to hump myself and see that things come the way she wants them. I confess it was something of a problem at first, but when I got it figured out in my mind and began playing the cards it was so easy that I was inclined to be ashamed of myself for not trying something harder."

The self satisfied man stopped long enough for the listener to suggest that he would be glad to hear the story, and then, in view of the fact that they were all married and publicity could do no harm, he told it.

"I took all my available assets," he explained, "and made them a dowry for my eldest daughter. Naturally there was a rush for her, and she was able to take her pick of five. I rushed matters as much as possible, got her married, gave up the dowry I had promised, and then steered her titled husband against the Stock Exchange, where I gave him some bad tips, took his trades myself through a broker and won back all the dowry and part of his ancestral estates. Then I gave the dowry to my second daughter, got her married and played the same game with her husband. I worked the scheme right through the family, until I finally married my youngest to a baronet yesterday. I got them to postpone their wedding trip for a few days, so as to give me a chance to win back the dowry before they had spent any of it, and by day after tomorrow I expect to be on Easy street again, without a care in the world. If girls must have titles, why, I am in favor of giving them to them, but I don't believe in contributing large fortunes to the support of the tottering monarchies of the old world, and, what's more, I don't intend to do it."—Chicago Post.

NURSING AND RHYMING.

A New Jersey training school for nurses has refused a diploma to a young woman who writes poetry. This is rather rough on the young woman, but just think how unpleasant she would make things for an invalid.—Washington Post.

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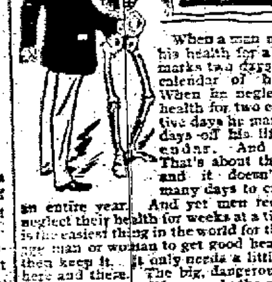

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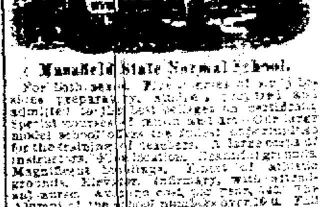

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8:05 a. m.—Train 8, weekdays, for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:23 p. m., New York 9:30 p. m., Baltimore 6:00 p. m., Washington, 7:15 p. m. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia, and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

3:25 p. m.—Train 6, weekdays, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:30 a. m., New York 7:33 a. m.; Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

8:20 p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 6:52 a. m., New York 9:33 a. m., (week days (10:38 a. m. sundays), Baltimore 6:20 a. m., Washington 7:40 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Washington and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Harrisburg.

WESTWARD.

5:10 a. m.—Train 9, weekdays, for Erie, Ridgway DuBois Clermont and intermediate stations.

10:25 a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and intermediate stations.

6:25 p. m.—Train 15, week days, for Kane and intermediate stations.

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Train 9 leaves New York 5:50 p. m., Philadelphia 8:50 p. m., Washington 7:20 p. m., Baltimore 8:40 p. m., arriving at Emporium Junction 5:10 a. m., weekdays, with Pullman sleepers and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport.

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Weekdays.

NORTH	STATIONS	SOUTH
A. M. Lv.		Ar. P. M.
8 51	Ridgway	11 55
9 10	Johnsonburg	11 30
9 2[illegible]	Bendigo	11 26
[illegible]	Glen Hazel	11 15
9 30	Straight	11 04
9 4[illegible]	Instanter	11 00
[illegible]	Smith's Run	10 53
[illegible]	Wood vale	10 46
10 0[illegible]	Clermont	10 45
A. M.		A. M.

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Took effect Monday, June 15th, 1896.

1	3	5	STATIONS.	2	4	6
a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	Ar. Dp.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
8:55	3:20	7:30	Keating	9:10	2:37	7:00
8:35	2:52	7:10	Cowley Junc.	9:25	2:52	8:0[illegible]
8:25	1:50	7:3[illegible]	Austin	9:40	3:05	8:20
......	1:37	6:59	Costello	9:48	3:13	......
......	1:26	6:48	Wharton	10:00	3:25	......
......	1:17	6:36	Logue	10:09	3:34	......
......	1:03	6:27	Hull	10:22	3:47	......
......	12:45	6:09	Cross Fork Jc	10:45	4:10	......
......	12:07	5:31	Germania	11:23	4:49	......
......	12:00	5:25	Galeton	11:30	4:55	......
......	10:45	4:25	Gaines	2:26	6:0[illegible]	......
......	10:10	3:50	Ansonia	3:45	[illegible]	......
a. m.	p.m.	Dp.		Ar.	p.m.	p.m.
a m	a.m.	p.m.	Cross Fork Br.	a. m.	p. m.	p. m
7:10	12:45	4:00	ar Cr F'k Jc dp	10:50	1:56	6:10
6:00	11:35	3:00	dp Cross F'k ar	11:40	2:00	7:10

H. Hutchinson, Train Master.
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COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table, takes effect Monday Nov. 1, 1896.

AR. EASTW'D.			STATIONS.	L'V WESTW'D.		
A.M.	A.M.	P.M.		A.M.	P.M.	A.M.
8.50	7.30	2.10	Ulysses	7.42	2.3[illegible]	10.05
8.35	7.21	2.00	Crowell's	7.51	2.40	10.17
8.30	...	1.56	Carpenter's	...	2.42	10.20
8.25	7.16	1.53	Perkins	7.56	2.45	10.25
8.20	7.13	1.50	B. & S. Junct'n	7.57	2.50	10.30
...	7.10	1.45	Newfield	8.00	2.54	10.35
8.04	7.06	1.42	Gold	8.04	2.57	10.42
7.55	7.01	1.36	Raymond's	8.07	3.03	10.47
7.45	6.50	1.24	Seven Bridg's	8.10	3.11	[illegible]
7.10	6.46	1.20	Colesburg	8.21	3.15	[illegible]
7.00	6.40	1.14	Frink's	8.28	3.22	11.17
...	6.30	1.00		[illegible]	3.33	11.3[illegible]
4.[illegible]5	7.07	12.55	Coudersport	8.45	[illegible]	[illegible]
3.40	...	12.51	Hammond	...	...	[illegible]
3.30	7.52	12.46	Olmsted	8.51	6.06	[illegible]
3.3[illegible]	7.48	12.41	Mina	8.55	6.10	[illegible]
3.25	...	12.34	Knowlton	...	6.18	...
3.21	7.38	12.29	Roulette	9.06	6.22	1.57
3.12	7.31	12.22	Burtville	9.13	6.28	2.10
3.05	...	12.17	Coleman	...	6.36	...
3.15	7.20	12.12	Port Allegany	9.24	6.40	2.20
P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	Dep't. Arrive	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.

Trains run on eastern standard time.
B. A. McCLURE, Supt.

Bradford, Bordell and Kinzua Ry.

Time Table taking Effect Nov. 28th, 1897.

LEAVE SMETHPORT.

8:20 A. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting with P. & W. Ry. for Foxburg, Butler and Pittsburg.

10:00 A. M.—Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.

5:35 P. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting at Kane with P. & E. train 4 for Wilcox, Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Emporium, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia—and at Bradford with Erie R. R. train 10 for Salamanca, Olean, Hornellsville, Elmira and New York.

Trains arrive at Smethport, daily except Sunday, at 9:25 a. m., 4:20 p. m. and 6:25 p. m.

JNO. C. McKENNA,
Gen. Pas. Agent,
Bradford, Pa.

ST. MARYS & SOUTHWESTERN R. R.

To take effect at 7 o'clock a.m., Monday, August 17, 1896.

South			Stations		North	
1:15	......		Clermont		12:30	......
1:20	......		Clermont Tank		12:25	......
1:40	......		Wildwood		11:57	......
1:58	......		North Fork		11:45	......
2:10	......		Kay Fork		11:34	......
2:19	......		Gray Gables		11:30	......
2:30	......	Ar	St. Marys	Lv	11:14	......
2:33	7:10	Lv	St. Marys	Ar	10:55	6:15
2:36	7:13		Kaul		10:50	6:12
2:45	7:24		Detach		10:42	6:0[illegible]
2:56	7:35		Groll		10:27	5:5[illegible]
2:57	8:00		Gillen		10:20	5:45
3:02	8:07		[illegible]		10:15	5:40
3:06	8:11		Centreville		10:10	5:36
3:10	8:15		Dagus Crossing		10:16	5:32
3:16	8:24		Shelvey Summit		10:07	5:24
3:22	8:29		Cuneo		9:56	5:14
3:27	8:35		Thompson		9:53	5:10
3:31	8:37		Curry		9:48	5:07
3:37	8:43		Brandy Camp		9:41	5:02
3:40	8:47		Kilbus		9:34	[illegible]
3:45	8:50		Hyde		9:30	4:44
3:50	8:56		Shawmut		9:12	4:35
p.m.	a.m.				a.m.	p.m.

NOTICE.

To Commissioners and supervisors of McKean and adjoining counties. I am now prepared to furnish iron and steel bridges of any size or design to any bridge, do stone work and complete under contract. Will furnish plans and specifications on application.

A. KELLEY, Contractor,
Smethport, Pa.